

VA PLANS TO GIVE LOYOLA 79 ACRES

WASHINGTON (BP) — The Veterans Administration here is convinced that it has a good case in its proposed transfer of 79 acres in Chicago to Loyola University (a Roman Catholic institution) for the purpose of building a medical school.

As precedent for his actions, J. S. Gleason, Jr., VA administrator, cites a document prepared in 1961 by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare for Senator Barry Goldwater (R., Ariz.). The document, published in the Congressional Record, cites 488 grants to institutions of 35 denominations under the Surplus Property Act of 1944.

These grants, according to Gleason, make it difficult for those who object to the transfer of the land to Loyola Uni-

versity to make a case on the basis of violation of separation of church and state.

Similar Bills Introduced
The intention of the Veterans Administration to give the surplus 79 acres of the Veterans Administration Hines Hospital in Chicago to Loyola University became known in the closing weeks of the first session of the 87th Congress last year. Similar bills were introduced in both houses to convey this land without cost to Loyola. The bill in the Senate was introduced by Senators Paul Douglas (D., Ill.) and Everett Dirksen (R., Ill.), and by Rep. Edward R. Finnegan (D., Ill.) in the House.

Two courses are open to the Veterans Administration in making the Hines Hospital land available to Loyola. It can

be done either by legislation or by administrative action. It is not clear at this point which will be followed.

If there is considerable objection by the constituents of

the senators and representatives, Congress may not be willing to take action. This will leave the initiative up to the Veterans Administration, which (Continued on Page 2)

GRAHAM WARNS FREEDOM IS LOSING ITS STRUGGLE

CHICAGO (RNS) — A warning that freedom is losing its struggle with tyranny and is "rapidly disappearing in the world" was sounded here by Evangelist Billy Graham.

"The tragedy is that we do not seem to have a plan for victory," he said. "We have had a policy for containment when we should have had a plan for victory."

Addressing Chicago businessmen at a luncheon, Dr. Graham also stated that this country's national survival is endangered by a "serious weakening of moral and spiritual fibers in our society."

"Our present state of morals and continued corruption of public conscience is incompatible with true freedom," he asserted.



NASHVILLE — Baptist student congress planning committee members met in Nashville. The Congress will be held Dec. 27-30, 1962, at St. Louis, Missouri. Seated, left to right: David K. Alexander, secretary, Student Department, Sunday School Board; Fred Rein, secretary, St. Louis Convention Board; William H. Jenkins, Virginia, state student secretary; Bill Smith, North Carolina, interim state student secretary, and W. E. Howard, Texas, state student secretary. Standing, all of the Sunday School Board's Student Department, left to right: C. W. Junker, William Hall Preston, Miss Nell Magee, W. Howard Bramlette, and Doyle J. Baird.

—RALPH H. ELLIOTT

Midwest Votes Its Confidence

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP) — Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here voted confidence in Ralph H. Elliott, professor of Old Testa-

The vote resulted from controversy over Elliott's book, "The Message of Genesis." The book was published in 1961 by Broadman Press, an arm of the Sunday School Board, a sister agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The board's announcement emphasized the school's support of conservative Baptist thought and doctrine. But it also acknowledged differences which exist on points of interpretation. Trustees said they investigated the beliefs and doctrine of professor Elliott.

Resolution Given

The resolution adopted stated: "While there are members of the board of trustees who are in disagreement with some of the interpretations printed by Dr. Elliott in his book, we do affirm our confidence in him as a consecrated Christian, a promising scholar and teacher, a loyal servant of Southern Baptists and a dedicated and warmly evangelistic preacher of the gospel."

Typical of the criticism directed against the book was that of a columnist in the Baptist Digest, publication of Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists. He summed up his feelings with these words: "If we accept this book, our theological students will come out of our seminaries more and more liberal as the years go by. We will take our place with others that God has put on the shelf."

NEGRO REJECTED BY OKLAHOMA CHURCH

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — First Baptist Church here was voted not to accept a Negro youth as a member following a recommendation by the deacons that membership be denied on the basis of his motivation in seeking membership.

The vote, by secret ballot, was 327 to 311 against accepting the youth. Balloting came at the conclusion of a service described as "a high spiritual hour" in which there was thorough discussion and members on both sides of the question gave their assurance that the majority vote would be accepted as the

decision of the whole church.

The 15-year-old Negro youth had presented himself for membership following a series of picketing incidents at several Oklahoma City churches, including First Baptist Church and Lincoln Terrace Christian Church. Picketers were invited to attend services each time they appeared at First Baptist. Announcement that attempts would be made for Negroes to join some of these churches was made in local newspapers twice before the actual effort was made.

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1961 Set Financial Record For Receipts

NASHVILLE (BP) — Although 1961 was a record year, Cooperative Program receipts for the Southern Baptist Convention fell short of the \$18,513,500 budget.

Books closed for the fiscal year Dec. 31 with \$17,715,140, or 1.35 per cent greater than previous-high 1960 with \$17,479,428.

The \$18.5 million budget was for the operating and capital needs of SBC agencies. Treasurer Porter Routh of Nashville reported operating funds paid in full to agencies but proportionate reductions from the budgeted amounts for capital needs.

The December monthly receipts of \$1,640,843 were \$3000 higher than for November and were a record month for 1961.

Designated receipts during December amounted to \$156,716 bringing the year's total to \$12,323,756 compared with \$11,489,938 for 1960 — a gain of 7.26 per cent. The \$12,323,756 also was highest ever for a year.

Total \$30,038,896
The 1961 Lottie Moon offering was not reflected in the December receipts.

The combined total receipts for 1961 were \$30,038,896 versus \$28,969,366 the year before — a rise of 3.69 per cent.

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Frank E. Skilton Passes Away

Frank E. Skilton, for 21 years, public relations director for Blue Mountain College, died early Sunday morning at Huntsville, Ala., following a brief illness.

At press time Tuesday funeral services had been scheduled to be held at First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., but further details were lacking.

Mr. Skilton is survived by his wife, his son, Dan Skilton, of Huntsville; his daughter, Mrs. Robert Creel, Maplewood, N. J., and four grandchildren.

For the past five years, the Skilton family has lived in New Albany, but recently moved to Huntsville, Alabama, where Dan Skilton is engaged in radio and TV work.

His first connection with Blue Mountain College was in the capacity of manager of the 1927-28 financial campaign of the College, launched for the purpose of obtaining funds with which the present Administration Building was erected. He afterwards joined the staff and remained with the college until his retirement in 1956.

Conference For Missionaries Set

The annual Orientation-Fellowship meeting for Mississippi Baptist Associational Superintendents of Missions will be held at Camp Garaywa Jan. 22-25.

Dr. Foy Rogers, Cooperative Missions Secretary, in making the announcement, declared that most of the 34 superintendents in the state would be present.

Out-of-state program personalities will be Harold Bennett, Superintendent of New Work, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Dr. Wendell Belew, Secretary, and Dr. Lewis W. Newman, Associate, Department of Associational Missions, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Discuss Own Work
In addition to hearing messages by the various speakers the missionaries themselves will discuss the many phases of their work.

Three of the Superintendents of Missions are scheduled to (Continued on Page 2)



MEMBERS of the Temperance Committee of the State Convention Board met Wednesday of last week in Baptist Building. From left: Rev. Charles Hollifield, Morgan; Rev. Sam Brown, Bruce; Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, Kosciusko, chairman; Rev. C. M. Day, Director of Temperance Work for the Board; P. E. Cunningham, Vicksburg, and T. E. Elam, Nitta Yuma.

Temperance Committee, Director Plan Work

The Temperance Committee of the State Convention Board held a constructive meeting Wednesday of last week in which it appraised the moral conditions prevailing in the state, made plans for future temperance activities and took a strong stand against the state's "Black Market" tax and any attempts to legalize liquor.

Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman of Kosciusko, chairman, said that the committee's stand against the "Black Market" tax was a re-emphasis of a Resolution adopted by the State Convention in November in which that body went on record as calling for the repeal of the tax.

Issues Statement
In taking its stand against legalization of liquor the committee issued a statement which said "that in the event any attempt is made to legalize liquor in Mississippi that the Legislature refuse to do so."

In appraising the moral conditions prevailing in the state the committee went on record

as requesting the Legislature "to do everything possible to ameliorate the present evil situation and to do everything within its power to make Mississippi truly a dry state."

Day Also Meets
Meeting with the committee was Rev. C. M. Day, Director

INVITATIONAL MEET SET

An invitational conference on Southern Baptist family life ministry will be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson Jan. 26. It has been announced by Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary.

The one-day conference, to be conducted by Dr. Joe W. Burton, Secretary of the Family Life Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, will be a preliminary meeting in which plans will be made for the Convention-wide Family Life Conference to be held in Nashville Feb. 25 - March 1, 1963.

Those to attend will be a selected group of pastors, denominational leaders, and educators, who will also be committed to attend the Nashville conference.

The Jackson conference is one of a series of such conferences scheduled for each state in the Convention and is being sponsored by the Sunday School Board.

Assisting Dr. Burton will be Robert Watts, Editor of Family Life Curriculum for the Family Life Department, and who was formerly Minister of Education, First Church, Columbus.

of Temperance Work for the Convention Board.

The Director is carrying out a comprehensive and effective program of temperance activities.

The program calls for the organization of every Baptist church in the state, with a temperance committee elected and meeting regularly. This committee would keep the church informed of temperance conditions, and urge support of all temperance causes.

The program likewise suggests the organization of every association, with a temperance committee appointed and meeting regularly. This committee would also keep Baptists and the general public informed and arouse sentiment in time of elections against the use of alcohol. (Continued on Page 2)

Cooperative Gifts Up 18.7% for Year

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts for December totaled \$218,710.64, an increase of 26.7% over the \$172,584.28 given in December a year ago.

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary - Treasurer, in releasing the figures, said that receipts for this Convention year, November and December, totaled \$374,085.27, an increase of 18.7% over the same period a year ago.

The Cooperative Program is the principal channel of mission giving of the denomination. Total mission gifts include Cooperative Program and designated contributions.

Gulfshore To Host VBS Meet

The annual State Vacation Bible School Clinic will be held at Gulfshore Assembly Jan. 29-31, according to Bryant M. Cummings, Jackson, secretary of Sunday School Department, sponsor of the event.

Associational VBS teams are expected to attend from every one of the 77 associations in the state.

Each team, according to plans, will return home and conduct an associational clinic in its own association for the teams from the local churches, which will return and conduct schools in their churches.

Directing the State Clinic will be Joseph M. Haynes, associate in the department in charge of VBS promotion.

Visiting programs personnel will be Dr. Charles Treadway, Editor of VBS Materials, and Frank Armstrong, Superintendent of Audio-Visual Aids, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.; and Miss Evelyn Henderson, Associate in the Louisiana Sunday School Department, Alexandria, and Mrs. W. H. Souther, special instructor in Religious Education, New Orleans Seminary.

Higgins to Lead Music
Dr. Joe T. Odle, Jackson, Editor of the Baptist Record, will bring the closing inspirational message Wednesday morning on "Going to the Task."

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Revival Needed Today

By ROSALEE MILLS APPLEBY
Canton, Miss.
Missionary Emeritus To Brazil

"It is time for thee, Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law." In epochs of lawless indifference to the divine Word, God intervenes. "When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Reformation and resurgence of new life have come at the darkest hours of history.

Revival is the answer to man's desperation and his cry for something beyond himself. It is the refreshing dawn after a period of darkness coming in answer to the broken hearts that intercede with the Almighty.

The road to a Spiritual Awakening is

by Calvary; yes, the cross and all the suffering which this implies. It has always come in response to the few who pay the price.

In the splendid book by Burns, "Revivals, their Laws and their Leaders," we find: "Each revival derives its power from the rediscovery of some forgotten Biblical truth, and coming with all the power of a rediscovery it awakens in the heart of a joyful recognition of its power, and a fresh blessing in its acceptance." All indicates that the Awakening ahead of us will rediscover the absolute necessity of appropriating the power of the Holy Spirit so clearly taught in the Scriptures.

Sees Sense of Urgency
A sense of urgency has come upon us (Continued on Page 2)



To Graduate From Southwestern

James Wesley Buie, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Buie of Natchez, Mississippi, will be among the 135 candidates for graduation from Southwestern Seminary on January 18. He will receive the Bachelor of Divinity degree.

Harley Fite, president of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, will deliver the mid-winter commencement address. Commencement exercises are also observed in May and July. Last year over 500 degrees and diplomas were granted by Southwestern Seminary and presented by seminary president Robert E. Naylor.

Revival Needed - - -

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Today, a recognition not only among Christians but among scientists and statesmen that we need desperately a Spiritual Awakening. Eyes are being opened to the inadequacy of mere plans and programs, of powerless pulpits, to the tragedy of an anemic Christianity. On every hand there is a hunger for a more dynamic type of gospel, a return to the New Testament not only in doctrine, but in power and practice.

Reuben Torrey said: "I can give a prescription that will bring a REVIVAL to any church or community or any city on earth. First, let a few Christians (they need not be many) get thoroughly right with God themselves. This is the prime essential. If this is not done, the rest will come to nothing! Second, let them bind themselves together to pray for a revival until God opens the heavens and comes down.

Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God to use them as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. This is all. This is sure to bring a revival to any church or community. I have given this prescription around the world. It has been taken by many churches and many communities and in no instance has it ever failed."

God's Standard Is Raised
God is operating. His standard is being raised against the flood that almost overflows the civilization of today. By strange ways and in many places the merciful Father is preparing the stage for a world Spiritual Awakening. Hundreds and thousands are feeling impelled to seek His face. Innumerable prayer movements and intercessors' leagues are springing up in all countries where Christ is known.

Many churches have new vision. Papers and magazines are dedicating more space to the subject of Revival. Does not all this indicate the quickening Spirit of God moving in our midst; "the sound of going in the tops of the mulberry trees?"

Ask any consecrated pastor if he does not feel that Revival is our only way out, and he acknowledges that it is his conviction. Billy Graham stresses constantly this indispensable need for our day.

Only God can send a Spiritual Awakening but He sends it through human instruments, so our cooperation is as necessary in this blessing as in evangelization. Thousands today carry a burden for Revival. It is His call to "make his path straight" and obey II Chronicles 7:14. Brokenness or repentance; then prayer — earnest, anguished petitions from a contrite heart. The first to lead out in this is the pulpit, then the pew. What a blessing when Revival is channeled through the churches, guided by the pastors, and thus safeguarded as it were.

Yugoslav Baptists Begin Missions For Home Base

A home mission board has been established by Yugoslav Baptists, to begin operation on January 1. "Its principal functions will be to promote Christian stewardship among the churches and reach into the southern part of our country with the gospel," says Rev. Franjo Klem, of Rieka, who has been named secretary.

Meeting in Novi Sad on November 12, representatives of the churches adopted principles to govern the new board. Of its seven members, to be elected by the Yugoslav Baptist Union, four will be laymen and three pastors.

In addition to establishing churches in areas without evangelical witness, the board will administer the pastoral aid fund, which has been supplemented for several years by an annual gift of \$10,000 from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. There are 66 Baptist churches and 18 pastors in Yugoslavia, but only two churches are able to pay their pastors' salaries in full. However, the others are steadily increasing their support, reports Dr. John Allen Moore, Southern Baptist missionary director of the European Baptist Press Service. The number of pastors has doubled in recent years, he says, while outside aid has remarked the same.

Must Be Caution

(There must be caution for satanic opposition is always aroused by any genuine work of Christ). The rejection of Wesley's work in England, drove the Revival outside the church and caused the formation of a new denomination. On the other hand in America at the same time, Johnathan Edwards managed to secure the help of the ministry and every denomination was enlarged and blessed.

What group of Christians today is better equipped than Southern Baptists to prepare the way for God's latter rains? In view of the overwhelming blessings upon our denomination, who has a greater responsibility? In all the history of the past, when was there such a FULLNESS OF TIME or a more abundant means to carry on the work as NOW? We have almost everything that money can buy or mind invent to make easy and attractive the spread of the Gospel.

"Shall Serve Or Lose"
Shall we be equal to the opportunities given? A hundred years ago, Abraham Lincoln said of the crisis in his day, "We will nobly save or shamefully lose the last and greatest hope of this earth." A mightier than Abraham Lincoln is calling Southern Baptists and all Christians to meet the challenge of the world's greatest HOPE or desire: true Christianity, freedom in a world of free men.

Hezekiah, in a time of national crisis had to say: "This is a day of rebuke . . . for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth." But the indomitable courage of a real prophet lifted up for the hour, saved the nation. "And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the Lord went out, and smote ans." (II Kings c.19).

God can raise up ISAIAHS today. He still has adequate means to deal with any peril. Prayer still remains the door to divine intervention. II Chron. 7:14 is still a part of the sacred promises of ONE "with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

"Break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness upon you." "Revive thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy."

Conference For - - -

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preach, one each evening. They are:

Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Lyon; Rev. John B. Laney, Moss Point, and Rev. R. E. Patterson, Grenada, Area Association Missionary for North Mississippi.

To direct fellowship will be Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, and the Sunday School, Brotherhood and WMU Departments of the State Convention Board, in the camps of the Assyrian.



BLUE MOUNTAIN College's Freshman Baptist Student Union Council members have recently served for a month in capacities of the regular Greater Council, and will serve throughout the entire session as special promotional personnel of the BSU. They are pictured left to right, front row: Jeanne Flemig, Publicity Chairman, Mobile, Ala.; Jean Harper, Missions Chairman, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Gloria Jones, Librarian, Leland, Miss.; Lana Nelms, Music Chairman, Tupelo; and Alice Chu, Student Center, Chairman, Hong Kong. Second row: Miss Rita Duke, Student Director; Nellie Nelson, Interfaith Representative, Baltimore, Md.; Ginger Belote, Vice-President, Hong Kong; Kay Pette, President, Miami, Fla.; Judy Bledsoe, Social Chairman, Bartlett, Tenn.; and Beth Arline, Stewardship Chairman, Memphis. Third row: Frances Majors, Secretary, Algona, Miss.; Sarah Spain, YWA President, Birmingham, Ala.; Lena Sprouse, Life Service President, Newburgh, N. Y.; and Marian Martin, Sunday School Supt., Nashville. Back Row: Anita Mask, Local Representative, Blue Mountain; Ann Rogers, Devotional Chairman, Mobile, Ala.; Harriet Wilson, Training Union Director, Savannah, Ga.; Emily Huffman, Christian Citizenship Chairman, Blytheville, Ark.; and Gwen Sampson, Enlistment Chairman, Louisville, Ky.



Joins MC Staff

Wayne Moore, former Minister of Recreation at Calvary Church, Jackson, has joined the staff of Mississippi College as Director of Admissions. He assumed his new duties January 2.

Moore, a native of Georgetown, Ky., fills the vacancy created by Larry Lee Thornton, who left the college in December to study abroad at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon Zurich, Switzerland.

Mr. Moore holds the bachelor of music education degree from Georgetown College, the master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and the master of science in recreation degree from Indiana University.

Mrs. J. H. Ware Former Missionary, Dies In Tupelo

Mrs. J. H. Ware, of Tupelo, missionary emerita, of the Foreign Mission Board, died in that city Tuesday following an extended illness.

Funeral services were scheduled to be held Wednesday in Tupelo, according to information received at press time Tuesday.

Mrs. Ware had served in China and Hawaii.

Negro Rejected - - -

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On Dec. 3 the youth presented himself for membership at First Baptist and a Negro couple attempted to join Lincoln Terrace Christian Church. A majority of the congregation at First Baptist voted to receive the youth. However, a church by-law provides that if there is a negative vote the matter must be referred to the fellowship committee.

Conferred With Youth

Attempting to determine the youth's motive for seeking membership, the fellowship committee conferred with him at length. The committee also consulted with others considered instrumental in his seeking membership. The committee then recommended to the deacons and the deacons recommended to the church that membership be refused.

Lincoln Terrace Christian Church announced the decision of its board to deny membership to the Negro couple on the same night First Baptist voted. However, each church acted without prior conference in the problem and without knowledge the other church was making a decision. Both churches stated reason for refusal was on the basis of the insincerity and motivation of the Negroes involved.

An officer of First Church emphasized that not race but motivation was the basis of the recommendation by the deacons.

"In this decision the members of First Baptist Church have demonstrated the working of Christian democracy in a New Testament Church within an atmosphere of Christian love," declared Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor.

At the close vote, Dr. Hobbs commented, "I feel that this indicates how the membership has searched its heart in this matter."

Other Channels Open

After the vote the congregation was informed that the deacons had agreed informally that Sunday School and all other church activities remained open to the Negro youth as to

all other persons. No objection was voiced.

In a statement to the congregation, before the vote, Dr. Hobbs said the Bible by proof text does not teach racial segregation or desegregation.

Dr. Hobbs, who is president of the Southern Baptist Convention, pointed out that Baptist churches must determine their own membership in a democratic way.

The point at issue in the decision was not the church's policy regarding receiving members, governed by the constitution and by-laws, but the handling of a specific case within the framework of the constitution and by-laws, said a spokesman.

Physician Attacks Pastor

A statement released by the Lincoln Terrace Christian Church stated, "It is resolved that the church board accept the findings of the elders that (the couple) did not seek membership in good faith . . . and that therefore membership not be extended to them." A congregational vote is not required in the Christian Church.

A local white physician, who has headed the campaign to force membership of a Negro in the churches, earlier had labeled Dr. Hobbs as "the leader of 10 million segregationists."

Disputing the reference, Dr. Hobbs explained, there are Southern Baptist churches which have Negro members. Recently one of our largest associations received three all-Negro churches into membership of the association. In the Southern Baptist Convention each local church handles its own affairs. There is no denominationwide policy. Each congregation handles its own problems."

Bible Brings Huge Price

LONDON (EP) — A private buyer in Sotheby's London auction paid \$22,400 for a Hebrew Bible published in Egypt in 1280.

VA Plans To - - -

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reports indicate that Gleason is willing and anxious to do, if the legislative approach fails.

A communication from Gleason indicates that the Veterans Administration will not declare the land surplus unless it is to be used for medical center purposes. Since Loyola University has expressed interest in the land, it is intended that the land go to this school.

In preparing a defense against the critics of the transfer, Gleason has briefed the White House staff on the facts of the case and has cited the Goldwater documents to establish precedents for giving government surpluses to religious institutions.

Goldwater Documents Used

The Goldwater document was used during the 1961 controversy on federal aid to education in an attempt to prove that ample precedents had been set for public support for private religious institutions. The current use of the document by the Veterans Administration is the second effort to use the surplus property grants as precedents for addition aid to church institutions.

The list of 488 church-related institutions receiving grants under the Surplus Property Act includes 185 Roman Catholic, 120 Seventh Day Adventist, 31 Baptist and 26 Methodist institutions. All of the others listed received less than 20 grants each and many of them got only one or two.

Temperance - - -

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The churches and associations are urged to use the facilities of the State Director's Office, both for materials and personnel.

In pointing to the close relationship between the beer and liquor industries, Mr. Day said "the brewers spent thousands upon thousands of dollars in Oklahoma to finance one of the most expensive campaigns in that state's history to legalize liquor, although the brewers were already selling beer in Oklahoma. Beer peddlers are never satisfied. Their appetite for more profits is without bounds."

He also declared that "in 1960 a nose count of the lobbyists who tried to get the Legislature to vote for the very thing the people voted against in 1952 showed clearly that more than half of them were connected directly or indirectly with wholesale or retail beer peddlers."

"Beer, wine and whiskey are in league with each other to trample underfoot the often expressed will of the people of Mississippi so that whiskey can be legalized and advertised as socially acceptable so our unsuspecting children and our misled adults can take their first drink, which is their first step on the road to ruin and alcoholism."

Other members of the committee are: Rev. Samuel M. Brown, Bruce; Rev. Charles Hollifield, Morton; T. E. Elam, Nitta Yuma; and P. E. Cunningham, Vicksburg.

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States from which more Cooperative Program receipts came in 1961 than in 1960 were Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Virginia.

States which failed to match



Bobby Allen, Jackson, MD.



Winfred Lowery, Brookhaven, Dist CT.



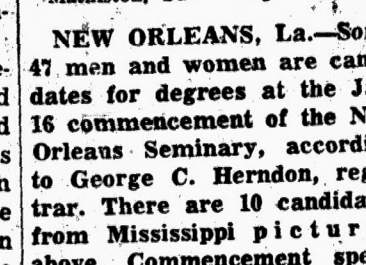
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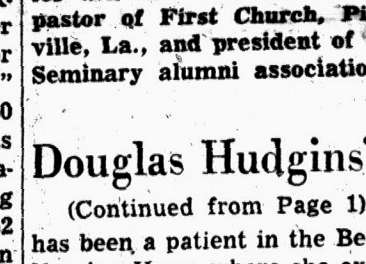
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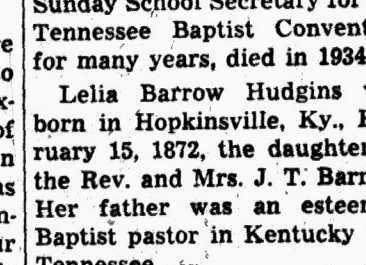
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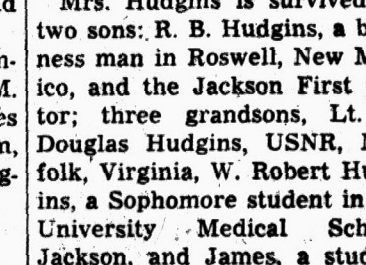
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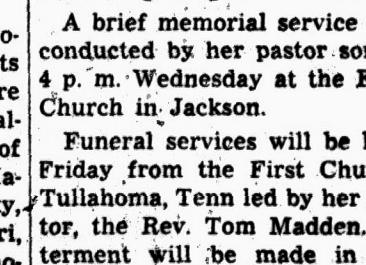
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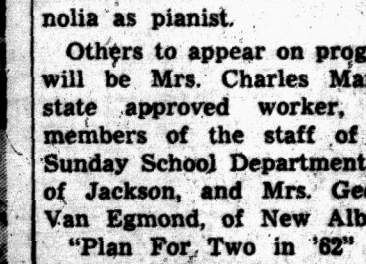
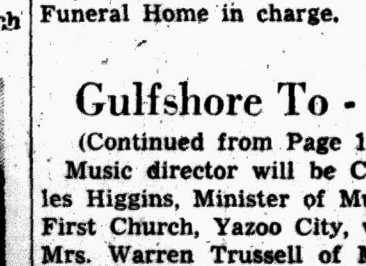
Charles Marsh, Jackson, MRE.



Eugene H. Dobbs, Mathiston, BD.



Warren Trice, Magnolia, MRE.



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has been a patient in the Beech Nursing Home where she expired. Her husband, who was Sunday School Secretary for the Tennessee Baptist Convention for many years, died in 1934.
Lelia Barrow Hudgins was born in Hopkinsville, Ky., February 15, 1872, the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Barrow. Her father was an esteemed Baptist pastor in Kentucky and Tennessee.
Survived by Two Sons
Mrs. Hudgins is survived by two sons: R. B. Hudgins, a business man in Roswell, New Mexico, and the Jackson First pastor; three grandsons, Lt. R. Douglas Hudgins, USNR, Norfolk, Virginia, W. Robert Hudgins, a Sophomore student in the University Medical School, Jackson, and James, a student at the University of Mississippi; and two great-grandchildren.
A brief memorial service was conducted by her pastor son at 4 p. m. Wednesday at the First Church in Jackson.
Funeral services will be held Friday from the First Church, Tullahoma, Tenn. led by her pastor, the Rev. Tom Madden. Interment will be made in the family plot in Estill Springs cemetery with Daves-Culbertson Funeral Home in charge.

Gulfshore To - - -

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Music director will be Charles Higgins, Minister of Music, First Church, Yazoo City, with Mrs. Warren Russell of Magnolia as pianist.

Others to appear on program will be Mrs. Charles Martin, state approved worker, and members of the staff of the Sunday School Department, all of Jackson, and Mrs. George Van Egmond, of New Albany. "Plan For Two in '62" will be the theme of the clinic, to begin with registration Monday afternoon and adjourn at 10:45 Wednesday morning.



NEW HEADQUARTERS—Philadelphia — Denominational agencies have begun to move into the unusual new American Baptist Convention headquarters building near Valley Forge, Pa. The \$3.5 million structure is circular and has an open courtyard in the center. At the left is a rectangular building which houses the new graphic arts center and the Judson Press, the denominational printing plant. American Baptist offices previously located in Philadelphia and New York City will now, for the first time, all be housed under one roof.—RNS Photo.

their 1960 figures were Alabama, Kansas, Michigan, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oregon, Washington, Tennessee and Texas.



PICTURED are the officers of Blue Mountain College's Student Education Association. They are, left to right: Jo Winders Prescott, New Albany, Reporter; Dot Raymer, Blue Mountain, Secretary-Treasurer; and Floyd, New Albany, Vice-President. Seated at the typewriter is Nell Wicker, Corinth, President of the Association. Mrs. Sallie Lou Ratliff, Director of the program of Student Teaching at Blue Mountain College, is sponsor for the organization.

Baptist Defectionists And Perfectionists

By W. R. White
Chancellor, Baylor University

The editor of the Baptist Standard has recently written a very able and timely editorial on a brother who is going thru the fire for some of his recent public statements. We do not propose to enter the controversy in this article, but we are moved to discuss some issues raised. They have been raised by others.

In order to lay a foundation for our remarks we state again our own position. We believe in the virgin born, sinless living, vicariously dying, bodily rising victoriously ascending, effectively interceding, visibly returning Christ. We believe in the inerrant guidance of the Holy Scriptures as illuminated by the Holy Spirit. We believe in salvation by grace through faith and that the efficient grace of God guarantees the regenerated person's eternal salvation both through perseverance and preservation.

We believe that the only church which functions as a church is a local congregation of baptized believers holding in common the New Testament truths under the Lordship of Christ, set to do His will on the earth. We believe that the ordinances are symbolic of saving truth and that they should be administered by those devoted to one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, indwelt by one spirit to those of the same convictions and experiences. There are other great truths to which we hold, but their restatement is not necessary for this discussion.

Many Varieties of Baptists

There are many varieties of Baptists. They are nearly all included in the Baptist World Alliance. This organization is so loosely related as to constituent groups that it can be both consistent and useful in certain areas. In our Southern Baptist Convention we have fewer varieties and more beliefs in common.

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Since we are not an ecclesiastical or authoritative body, we can be consistently and effectively operative in many areas. However, there are strict limitations that must be observed if great common objectives are to be achieved. We must have a large group of distinctives in common. We cannot use the privileges of our fellowship to point up our differences, particularly when we are guests of those who differ from us. State conventions will have more freedom for wide discussions as a rule, for they will be largely made up of a constituency more uniform in faith. Under the leadership of giants like Broadus, Carroll, Gambrell, Mullins, Sampey, Hatcher, Truett, Scarborough, and other of our great Baptist hosts in the Southern Baptist Convention, a powerful fellowship grew with variety and at the same time developed a most dynamic denominational operation with marvelous unity.

Dr. R. G. Lee, while a very strict Baptist, stood in the breach as president of the Southern Baptist Convention at Chicago and led in avoiding a serious rupture in our fellowship. We refer to a movement led by a very small, strict group.

There is a growing tendency on the part of a few pastors among us and others from the more liberal areas to reprimand those of us who have distinctive views. In fact, they seem to have a passion to reform us. They appear to be ashamed of the position of a majority of the brethren in the convention. Because some pastors were outspoken against Mr. Kennedy in Texas and Oklahoma, those two states are branded very narrow; but these states split when the vote came. In fact, some of the more liberal states, theologically, in the south voted for Mr. Nixon.

Landmarkism Being Hurdled
Landmarkism is being hurdled at the stricter group in the Southern Baptist Convention. Landmarkism is not all good; neither is it all bad. It has had much to do with making Southern Baptists distinctive and virile. When Baptists have followed its extreme form, they have become largely static and argumentative. They are growing weaker in increasing isolation. There is a slight revival of landmarkism in spots among us. It borders on anti-intellectualism. The strict landmarks have no outstanding schools.

The influence of landmarkism in its better form has put iron in our blood. It has given clarity and incisiveness to our message. The autonomy of the local church, the regenerated church membership, stricter church discipline, the sovereign grace of God, assurance of salvation, certainly of the believers' destiny, doctrinal soundness, and expository preaching have received a strong emphasis where their impact has been effective.

In those areas where Baptists are weakest due to diluted witness, our pioneers have evidenced a more doctrinal distinction.

All Church Groups To Participate In Jackson County's Complete Survey

Jackson County Ministerial Association met recently at Pascagoula, First Church, to lay plans for a religious survey of Jackson County to be conducted February 9-16.

The group, which included sixteen religious workers of the county, elected a complete committee which will meet at Pascagoula First Church January 15, at 10:00 a. m., to begin putting into action plans for the survey, which will be the most complete survey of this type ever made in the county.

Rev. O. D. Morris, Associate Secretary Cooperative Missions, Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, was the speaker at the December meeting.

After the address, the association elected Rev. Aubrey Walley, pastor, Pascagoula, First Methodist Church, chairman of the religious survey. The group also elected Rev. John B. Laney, Promotional Secretary of Jackson County Baptist Association, coordinator of the survey.

Others named to positions are Rev. George C. Stockstill, pastor, Ocean Springs Baptist Mission, chairman of the committee on enlistments and materials; Rev. Van Hardin, pastor, Moss Point First Baptist Church, co-chairman; Rev. J. H. Dillard, pastor, Ocean Springs St. Paul's Methodist Church, chairman of the map and zone committee; Rev. Gene Hobgood, pastor, Orange Grove Baptist Church, co-chairman; Rev. Eugene Dyess, pastor, Eastlawn Methodist

Church, chairman of the personnel committee; Rev. C. D. Parker, pastor, Woodlawn Baptist Church, co-chairman; Rev. Byron Mathis, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, chairman of the processing and tabulating committee; Rev. W. L. Bader, pastor, Moss Point, First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. L. S. Walker, pastor, Fairview Baptist Church, are co-workers.

The publicity and finance committee consists of three members: Rev. William Motte, Director of Public Relations, Jackson County Baptist Association; Rev. Arthur M. Schneider, Jr., pastor, Pascagoula First Presbyterian

Church, chairman; Billy Hudgens, minister of education, Pascagoula First Baptist Church, treasurer of the canvass.

Each church taking part in the survey is asked to invest five cents per resident member and to supply one-tenth of the resident membership as co-laborers. Those wishing to join in the advancement of religious cooperation in the county are asked to contact either Rev. Aubrey Walley, 442 South Pascagoula Street, Pascagoula, Mississippi; or Rev. John Laney, 624 Grierson Street, Moss Point, Mississippi.



Clifford E. Tucker



Dr. Claude Rhea

Broadmoor Schedules Concert

Dr. Claude H. Rhea and Clifford E. Tucker will give an evening of sacred music Sunday, January 14, at 7:30 p. m., at the Broadmoor Church, Jackson. Dr. David Grant, pastor.

Dr. Claude Rhea has been a

member of the music faculty of New Orleans Seminary since 1954 and has been Dean of the School of Church Music since the fall of 1960. A popular recording artist, his voice has thrilled and inspired multitudes of people.

Clifford E. Tucker, professor of choral arranging, conducting and conductor of the Choral Club, New Orleans Seminary, will accompany Dr. Rhea.

Mr. Tucker has served as organist at the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. He served the Calvary Baptist Church, New York City, as organist-director for several years before accepting the position in New Orleans.

The public is cordially invited.

Stephen Kovacs To Give Piano Recital at MC

The Mississippi College Music Department will present Stephen Kovacs, nationally known pianist, in full concert Thursday night, January 11, in Aven Auditorium on the campus. The concert will begin at 8 p. m.

Kovacs will be one of the top musicians to perform on the Mississippi College stage in 1962. His concerts have won wide acclaim throughout the world and newspaper critics have heaped praise upon him from Berlin to New York City.

The pianist was born in 1907 in the famed Tokey Mountains of Hungary. He entered the Franz Liszt Academy of Music in Budapest at the age of five and after 14 years of academic training graduated with outstanding honors in 1926. He received the highest degree that school had to offer - the Artist Diploma of Piano Playing.

Tickets for the Thursday night concert will be on sale at the door. They will cost \$1.00 a piece.

NASHVILLE—Workers from five areas of church life in the 28 Baptist state conventions, plus each state's executive secretary-treasurer and their associates, will convene here Dec. 11-15. State Student, Music, Church Architecture, Training Union, and Sunday School Departments will be represented.

Just now three ox carts, with 12 oxen, came into our yard, waking up my baby with their screeching wooden wheels. Overhead I hear the motor of our mission plane arriving with the mail. — Sue (Mrs. J. Dale) Carter, mission to North Brazil.

fer to keep the masses and bring up the general level.

We have a few liberals among us who are happy to have large, lucrative pastorates which grow gradually smaller under their leadership as they concentrate on "quality." They bring very few new people into the orbit of Christ from any source, particularly the masses. They live on other people's labors like a cuckoo while they lecture the rest of us on "quality." We will continue our ministry to the many while we emphasize the faithful remnant.



Rev. Tom Dunlap, Jr.

First, Natchez Calls Pastor

Rev. Tom W. Dunlap, Jr., recently accepted the pastorate of First Church, Natchez. He assumed his duties on December 15, 1961. Before coming to Natchez he had been pastor of First Church, Henderson, Kentucky.

Rev. Dunlap was born in Clinton, Mississippi, later moved to Okolona, where he attended high school. He was graduated from the University of Mississippi and Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

He has held pastorates in the following churches: Assistant pastor of Broadway Church, Louisville, Ky.; Adirville Church, Adirville, Ky.; Cave City Church, Cave City, Ky.; Beaver Dam Church, Beaver Dam, Ky.; Dalewood Church, Nashville, Tenn.; First Church, Henderson, Ky.

Rev. Dunlap is married to the former Carolyn Henderson of Okolona. They have one son, Tommy, age 16.

Mrs. Christie Dies

Anna Cloud (Mrs. A. B.) Christie, 81, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary to South Brazil, died Sunday morning, January 7, at Texas Baptist Haven, Houston, following a stroke. Funeral and burial will be in Corpus Christi, Tex., where she made her home before entering Baptist Haven last month.

Woman's Missionary Union

President—MRS. J. T. LYONS, McComb
Executive Secretary—MISS EDNA ROBINSON
TWA Director—MISS MARJAN PATTERSON
Sunbeam Director—MISS WAUDINE STOREY
GA Director—MISS RUTH WOMACK



Paul Smith from Lebanon
He served as pastor at Como prior to their recent appointment.

"The new Seminary buildings, the mission house in which we live, the Beirut Baptist School and the Moussayth Baptist Church all were built by funds taken largely from the Lottie Moon Christmas offerings and the Cooperative Program gifts. Oh how thankful we are for the provision you have made for us through these two channels. We enjoy living in the Mission House with its yard for the children to play in and with the school next door. This school has about 400 students and is doing a wonderful job of evangelizing the students. The Seminary, which is in its second year of existence and it's first year of operation from the new location in the mountains overlooking Beirut, has about 20 students enrolled. They come from Jordan, Egypt, Lebanon, and Syria. This seminary could be the key that unlocks the Arab world to the saving power of Christ."

Curtis Asks from Japan

"We are continuously amazed at the industrial progress of this little country of Japan. I read the other day that in 1960, a Japanese firm was the world's leading firm in the production of 17 different items, including Electric power, motion pictures, ships, motor bikes, cement, transistors, television, radios, tape recorders, electric fans, and broadcasting equipment. Through not listed, I should think you could add to this list pearls, binoculars, cameras, and a number of other things."

"It is hard to look and believe what we saw twelve years ago. A ghost of a city, with tall smoke stacks standing naked in the midst of ruins, city streets in poor repair, but with no cars, trucks, or busses — just people and bicycles. Then the people were dressed in rags or ill fitting relief clothes, their bodies thin and sickly with hunger and cold, their faces showing fatigue and defeat."

"Now Tokyo is so different. Stores are filled with quality merchandise and throngs of well dressed customers — customers with money burning their fingers. These people are bigger, too. A better diet is showing up most noticeably in the high school children. They are all larger than their parent Tokyo boasts the world's largest TV tower (of its type), seven stations, and a TV set in over half the homes of this city. All the electrical gadgets that make up the average American home are finding their way into the Japanese homes, even though they strain the budget."

"One thing you can always count on are 'difficulties'. They appear everywhere. They may differ in nature from place to place, but can never be eliminated. Therefore, we are not frustrated by difficulties here, but just thank God that His grace is sufficient. We're happy in His work here; and rejoice in progress He is giving. Our churches in Tokyo have doubled in number, from 6 to 12 in the past four years, and for that we give thanks. We are ever grateful, too, for the wonderful Christian Japanese with whom we can work. Their faith and zeal ever inspire us."

State Evangelistic Conference

GULFSHORE ASSEMBLY
February 5-7

Those desiring to stay at Gulfshore should write now for reservations to Arthur L. Nelson, Director of Mississippi Baptist Assemblies, Pass Christian, Miss. Rates are listed below: A registration fee of \$2.00 is required and should accompany requests for reservations.

Room and Meals	Per Person Per Day
Barracks—air cooled—bunk beds, single.....	\$ 3.50 ea.
Hotel—Bath on hall—air conditioned—bunk beds, single (4 persons in room).....	4.50 ea.
Private bath—air conditioned—double beds (2 in room).....	6.00 ea.
(3 persons in room).....	5.50 ea.
(4 persons in room).....	5.00 ea.
Room without meals	
Barracks air cooled.....	1.00 ea.
Hotel	
Bath on hall—air conditioned.....	2.00 ea.
Private bath—air conditioned.....	
(2 persons per room).....	3.50 ea.
(3 persons per room).....	3.00 ea.
(4 persons per room).....	2.50 ea.
Meals without room	
Breakfast.....	.75
Lunch.....	1.25
Dinner.....	1.25
Total.....	3.25

No charge for infants under two years of age (baby cribs available)
Children three to eight years, one-half price

Registration begins at 2:00 p. m. Monday, Feb. 5, 1962
First Meal.....Supper, Monday
Last Meal.....Lunch, Wednesday

Several of the nearby motels on the Coast are listed below. Those desiring to stay at one of them may write directly to the motel of their choice:

	Single	Double
Catalina Motel (Pass Christian).....	5.00	6.00-7.50
Holiday Inn (Long Beach).....	8.00	10.00
Gulf Palms Court (Pass Christian).....	6.00	8.00
Cunningham's Motel (Pass Christian).....	5.00	6.00 7.50
Pine Lodge Court (Long Beach).....	5.00	6.00 7.00

Most of the motels allow slightly lower rates per person when three or more occupy the same room.

Private rooms for 32 people have been leased at the Miramar Hotel in Pass Christian and will be sold at regular Gulfshore private room rates.

Concerning A Book

"Of making many books there is no end" said the writer of Ecclesiastes long ago. If those words were true in his day, what would he say in 1962, when a continuous flow of all kinds of books come from presses around the world.

Many of these books come to an editor's desk. He tries to read those which seem to be important. Others have to be laid aside, some to be picked up later, but most never to be read at all. Sometimes, however, there comes a book which demands attention, and which must be seriously read and studied.

Such was a book which came to our desk several months ago. As soon as we began to read it, we found ourselves in sharp disagreement with some of the things it said. Of course, this was not unusual, for we disagree with many of the books we read.

This book, however, was different, for it was written by a teacher in one of our Southern Baptist seminaries and was published by Broadman Press. We were informed that it was a seminary text-book, but noted that it was offered for sale to the general public. The book was THE MESSAGE OF GENESIS by Dr. Ralph H. Elliott, a member of the faculty of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City.

Very quickly we found that other Southern Baptists disagreed with the book, for we began to receive articles concerning it. Later there came also some material defending it.

At the request of the seminary administration we withheld publication of articles concerning the book, on the assurance that the Board of Trustees of the seminary had been asked to investigate the charges against it. We were glad to cooperate, because it is our conviction that this is the proper procedure for handling such matters, since the trustees of an institution are responsible for its operation. At the same time we made clear to the administration our disapproval of the book.

Now the trustees of Midwestern Seminary have met, received the report of a special committee, and acted. The report of their action is given in a news story on page one, and the resolution they adopted and released for publication is found on page five. Although the news release does not so state, it is our understanding that this resolution was adopted by a vote of fourteen to seven.

The trustees had full authority to take the action they did, and we do not question that. Their commendation of the author of the book was to be expected, for so far as we know, no one has brought the slightest charge against his character. It is, however, somewhat surprising that they dealt so lightly with the content of the book, since it was that which was questioned.

We are confident that many Southern Baptists will not approve of the book even though a majority of the trustees, by their resolution, have given at least tacit approval of it. Much of what the author has written is good, but in the thinking of many (and we are among them) some parts of the book move too far toward the position of modern liberalism. In the book we find such statements as: "We must learn to think of the stories of Genesis — the Creation, the Fall, Noah's ark, the Tower of Babel . . . in the same way as we think of the parable of Jesus"; "God took him" (speaking of Enoch) "is not necessarily an indication that he disappeared suddenly and was nowhere to be found. It is the Old Testament's expression of the belief in the ideal of immortality"; "in all probability the Priestly writer simply exaggerated the ages" of the antediluvians. These are a few of numerous statements which we feel will be most unacceptable to many Southern Baptists. We recognize, of course, that others will agree with the author.

Feeling that this book appears to represent a move toward a liberalism which could seriously affect our whole Baptist life and message in the future, we believe that it must now be discussed openly. Therefore, we are publishing on page five of this issue of the Record the statement of the Board of Trustees of Midwestern Seminary and two other articles concerning the book. One of the articles criticizes the book and the other praises it. The reader will draw his own conclusions. It is our understanding that Dr. Elliott is writing a further statement concerning his beliefs. We had hoped that it would reach us in time for this issue. Since it has not we shall publish it later. It is to be hoped that this statement will be such a clear and positive statement of what he does believe, that doubts which have been raised by material in the book will all be removed.

The publishing of these articles is not in any way an attack upon either the seminary or the author of the book. We do not even know Dr. Elliott, and we have the highest respect and love for the seminary. We are, however, joining with others in opposing the propagation of any type of liberalism in our institutions.

It may be argued that it is the prerogative of Southern Baptist professors to write and teach with complete academic freedom. That is a debatable question, of course, since these institutions belong to Southern Baptists and the teachers are employees of the convention. We doubt that anyone would deny that the convention has some right of control over them. Granted, however, that these teachers do have such freedom, then other Southern Baptists have the right to disagree, and to express that disagreement. It is our recognition of this basic Baptist principle that causes us to publish this material.

Several things in Dr. Elliott's book do not seem to us to agree with the Statement of Faith adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1925, and which, according to the release by the trustees, is the Statement of Faith of Midwestern Seminary. We presume that every professor has signed it as a statement of his doctrinal beliefs.

Article I of that statement is on the subject "The Bible" and reads, in part, as follows: "We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. . . ."

These things we believe, and we are convinced that they express the beliefs of most Southern Baptists. Perhaps the author of this book will state that he, too, fully accepts them. If he does, he has not made himself clear in his book. It is our hope that he will do so, and that this will clarify the matter. Southern Baptist love and thank God for their seminaries, and most of them want assurance that the doctrines of liberalism are not being taught as truth in these institutions.



Baptist Beliefs

By Herschel H. Hobbs
Pastor, First Baptist Church
Oklahoma City, Okla.

RESURRECTION

The fact of the resurrection is taught in the Old Testament (Isa. 26:16; Ezek. 37:1-4; Dan. 12:2), but is more clearly seen in the New Testament (Matt. 22:23-33; John 5:25-29; 11:23ff.; Rom. 1:4; 8:11; 1 Cor. 15).

The New Testament bases man's resurrection on that of Jesus (1 Cor. 15:12ff.). The word "resurrection" renders a Greek word meaning to stand again. It means something dead which is made alive again. Thus "resurrection" refers not merely to spiritual immortality; but to a bodily resurrection from the dead. Jesus rose bodily from the dead. He was seen alive after His burial, the word "see" rendering a word to see with the natural eye. Thus the post-resurrection appearances of Jesus were not mere visions, but actual bodily appearances viewed by physical sight.

What of the resurrection body? Paul in 1 Corinthians 15 says that it will be as different from the natural body as the harvest from the seed (vv.36-38). It will exceed the natural body in glory as celestial bodies exceed terrestrial (vv.40-42). It will be a body adapted to the heavenly life as natural bodies are

adapted to their natural habitat (v.39). It will be incorruptible (vv.42f.), and not subject to pain or death (Rev. 21:4).

Jesus' resurrection body was similar to the one He had in life. His disciples recognized Him. Yet it was different. His body was not subject to the laws of time, space, or thickness (Matt. 28:2ff.; Luke 24:15-31, 34; John 20:19). So will be the resurrection body of the Christian. "We know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him" (1 John 3:2).

Those Christians who are alive at Christ's second coming shall be changed immediately (1 Cor. 15:51ff.). But their translation into heaven will be preceded by the bodily resurrection of those who lie in the cemetery (1 Thess. 4:15-18). The souls of the righteous dead God will bring with Him to be united with their resurrection bodies (1 Thess. 4:14). All will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. "And so shall we ever be with the Lord" (1 Thess. 4:17).

The righteous dead will be raised unto life everlasting. The unrighteous dead will be cast into Hell, which is the second death (Rev. 20:14-15).

Self-Criticism, Our Hope

Several articles have appeared in some Southern Baptist periodicals in recent weeks concerning "self-criticism" as it relates to Southern Baptists and their institutions and agencies.

At least one writer has suggested that self-criticism may be a "sinister enemy" and that if the "bitter criticism" now going on continues, "Southern Baptists may destroy themselves from within."

We deplore all criticism which has as its purpose the hindrance or destruction of Baptist work. We have no patience with those critics who oppose the Southern Baptist Convention, and delight in any mistakes or errors they may find in our work.

Constructive criticism, and self-criticism by those who are a part of the convention and love it and all of its work, is a different thing. We cannot believe that it is a "sinister enemy", nor that it threatens to "destroy" our convention. It is our conviction that this type of "self-criticism" is not a danger, but rather is a safeguard for our work. Indeed, it may well be the greatest deterrent to our drifting into modernism, or other areas that are off-center from the purpose for which the convention was formed.

Institutions and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention are under the direction of groups of individual Baptists appointed as members of Boards of Trustees, Commissions and Committees. These leaders are men and women of God, who sincerely are seeking to find and do God's will in the task which has been assigned them. Their greatest safeguard, however, is the fact that while they have been delegated certain authority, the final control is still in the hands of the convention itself, and the convention is made up of the thousands of messengers representing millions of individual Baptists. In the final analysis each individual Southern Baptist has a responsibility for every phase of our work. Because of this he has a right to speak, and to approve or criticize the work that is being done. This criticism needs to be heard, and must be heard, even though it represents only a minority and, in the decisions of the convention, may not be heeded. It is this right to criticize which may, in the long run, prevent serious mistakes or errors in Baptist life.

Let us continue our practice of "self-criticism." Such criticism, in the spirit of Christ, can be one of the most helpful assets of our Baptist relationships.

New Books

CHRIST IN YOU by Herschel H. Hobbs (Baker, 128 pp., \$2.50)

An exposition of the Epistle to the Colossians. Because of his able scholarship Dr. Hobbs digs deep for the treasures and riches of this epistle, and because of his outstanding ability to communicate through spoken or written word, he brings those findings within the reach of every reader. A worthy addition to any Bible study library. The volume is the first in what the publisher has planned as the Evangelical Pulpit Library.

YOUR GOD AND YOUR GOLD by Leslie B. Flynn (Zondervan, 137 pp., \$2.50)

Fresh, new material on the stewardship of money. Seven messages on striking and unusual themes, such as Where Will Your Money, Spend Eternity?, Yellow Fever, and Money Talks What Does it say? Outlines are clear and illustrations are apt.

FACING THE UNFINISHED TASK Compiled by J. O. Percy (Zondervan, 281 pp., \$4.50)

Messages delivered at the Congress of World Missions, sponsored by the Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association of America, and held Dec. 4-11, 1960. A comprehensive survey of modern missions as viewed by some of the outstanding conservative mission leaders of today.

THE TOUGH-MINDED OPTIMIST By Norman Vincent Peale (Pentice Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, 246 pp., \$3.95)

Another of Dr. Peale's books on the application of Christian faith to every-day living. The author shows how to find the answers to many of the problems of life through the promises of God. One is amazed, however, that the author takes the stand he does of "never again" contending for "religious freedom," because of the dislike for being called "bigot". It seems a strange statement for a "tough-minded optimist" to make. Despite this, the book contains much helpful material.

ALL THE MIRACLES OF THE BIBLE by Herbert Lockyear (Zondervan, 480 pp., \$5.95)

Another of the authors series on "All" of various Bible subjects. In this volume he examines every miracle both of the Old and New Testament and explains its meaning and its significance. A splendid introductory chapter discusses the definitions, design, purpose, etc., of miracles. The author believes the Bible miracles and makes no effort to rationalize them, or deny them. This will be a helpful volume, to preachers, teachers, students, and to those who simply love to read of the great events of the Bible.

MORE PREACHING VALUES IN THE EPISTLES OF PAUL by Halford E. Luccock (Harper, 255 pp., \$3.95)

Seldom has there been a writer who could find such riches in a verse or portion of a verse of Scripture and then write it down for other preachers and Bible students to provoke them to new study and preaching. Here are 155 sermon ideas, brief, pointed and rich, from the books of Second Corinthians, Galatians, Philippians and Colossians. They will make for enriched messages for every person who uses them.

A FLAME OF FIRE by J. H. Hunter (Sudan Interior Mission, printed in England by Hazell Watson and Viney Limited, Aylesbury and Slough, 320 pp., \$3.50)

This volume tells of the life and work of Dr. Rowland V. Bingham (1872-1942) who established the Sudan Interior Mission in Africa in a region where among 60 million people there was not one messenger of the gospel. The Sudan Interior Mission is now the world's largest interdenominational missionary society, with 1300 missionaries and 183 stations among 71 tribes in 10 African countries. Dr. Hunter, the author, with forty years in journalism, reveals his unique writing ability in this book.

The Baptist Forum

Missionary Sends News From Ecuador

Dear Christian Friends,

As we approach another Christmas season we give thanks to our Lord for each of you who have made it possible for us to fulfill a call of God to bring His message of LOVE and SALVATION to our people here of Ecuador.

It is hard to realize that more than 4 years have gone by since we first made our way southward to Costa Rica (August 1957) for one year of studying the Spanish Language and learning the customs of a new people. It was a frustrating year because we could contribute so little without a working knowledge of the language. After a brief visit in the States we came directly to Ecuador which is our home, and will be all the active years of our life unless the Lord directs otherwise.

I understand more clearly every day why the Lord took me out of the pastorate I loved, in Clara, Miss., and called me down here. We found the capital city of more than 400,000 people and one Baptist missionary struggling to establish a stable work among the masses of lost and wandering people. The first 18 months we were able to baptize only 2 people, and 12 months of this time we were the only Baptist missionary family in Quito, so I served as pastor of two churches. It was also during this year that Dottie was forced to return to the States for 3 months with the children in order that our second child, Patricia, could be treated for polio. The Lord worked through skilled medical hands and her health was restored rapidly and our family was reunited.

In these last 18 months the Lord has already permitted us to baptize 16 people in the church where I am pastor and there are 7 others to be baptized on Dec. 31. Of these 7, there are 3 young married couples and one man whose wife is already a member. It thrills our heart to see these young families come to the Lord and form Christian homes.

We are so deeply grateful that you have helped make it possible for us to come to this most needy field. I wish it were possible to share with you the joys we have had in leading these to our Saviour one by one. Many times it has been a process of cultivating, visiting, praying earnestly, and dealing personally with them into the mid-night hours until step by step they come to see the love of God and yield themselves to the Saviour. We give thanks again that as God called us to come here, that He also laid the burden on the

hearts of Southern Baptists to send us.

We do need your prayers so much as we attempt to do the impossible. Human hands can not overcome superstitions, political problems, and the sin problem that curses and binds our people here. God loves them and we love them, so together we expect to win them to Christ.

We know the Lord will richly bless each of you as you find a real joy in serving and supporting His work there in your church and in a special way as you share sacrificially at this season through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

In these days we are deeply involved in preparation for a Revival with Billy Graham here in Quito during the week of January 28-February 4, 1962. Won't you too join us in prayer that our city may be awakened in a great way during these days?

We look forward to seeing many of you personally in June, 1962, as we will be returning to the States for one year of furlough and will be studying in New Orleans Seminary.

James P. Gilbert,
The Foreign Mission Board
of the Southern Baptist Convention,
Ecuadorian Mission,
Casilla 503-Quito, Ecuador
December 11, 1961

Calendar of Prayer

January 15 — Ralph L. Reeves, secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

January 16 — Robye Reed Brotherhood president, Carroll Association; E. L. Goff, district representative; Sunday School Department.

January 17 — Willie Mae Cutrer, Baptist Student Director, Jones Junior College; Guy Graham, Superintendent of Missions, Itawamba County. January 18 — Judy Fortenberry, Baptist Book Store; Bryant Hardin, Alcorn County Association Training Union Director. January 19 — Louise A. Brown, Baptist Building; Peggy Broome, Baptist Building. January 20 — Mrs. Tennie Glee Jones, Staff, Baptist Children's Village; C. K. Lowther, staff, Mississippi College. January 21 — Mrs. Faye Eubanks, faculty, William Carey College; Perrin H. Lowrey, faculty, Blue Mountain College.

I always feel strange when I reach the States after a term of service in the Orient. You move too fast; you talk too fast; there are too many cars; there is too much to see and too much to buy; and I have to learn to speak American English all over again. — Lorene Tilford, missionary to Taiwan (Formosa).

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

"DANGEROUS THOUGHTS"

QUESTION: If a person gets so mad that they tell you that they will beat your brains out or get a gun and shoot you, don't you think they have murder in their heart. Still on Sunday this person goes to church, holds office and sometimes leads in prayer. Please word this as it should be; but the point is, don't you think it is as bad to have ugly thoughts in the heart as to commit them?

ANSWER: No, I do not. Paul said "Be ye angry, and sin not; let not the sun go down upon your wrath" (Eph. 4:26). And Jesus said that anger is a dangerous emotion (Matt. 5:21-22). But nowhere in the Bible does it say that to think about doing an act is the same as doing it. It does say that thinking and threatening is dangerous and may lead to doing.

If someone were seriously threatening to shoot me or beat my brains out I would either get as far away from him as possible, put him under a peace bond or a restraining order (by law), or get prepared to defend myself.

The fact that this person goes to church is somewhat beside the point. Sick people often join the church. This is inevitable.

But such behavior is not Christian. The Bible says: "No bad language must pass your lips, but only what is good and helpful to the occasion, so that it brings a blessing to those who hear it" (Eph. 4:29 New English Translation).

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 West 47th Street, Kansas City 12, Missouri.)

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Midwestern Adopts Resolution

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following the Resolution in these columns there are two articles below related to the Resolution, headed "Death In The Pot," and "Help For The Man In The Pew, Pulpit." Regarding the same matter, there is a story on page one and an editorial on the opposite page.

RESOLUTION Board Of Trustees Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Kansas City, Missouri

Whereas, the Southern Baptist Convention in session in Chicago in May, 1957, voted to establish a new seminary, to be located in Kansas City, Missouri; and

Whereas, from its first meeting the Board of Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has been profoundly conscious of divine leadership in the multitude of decisions which it has been called upon to make; and

Whereas, there have been many evidences of God's favor

upon our work, such as the securing of the beautiful campus, the election of our wise and consecrated president, the selection of a remarkably competent faculty, and the attraction of a large number of outstanding students; and

Whereas, although within our denomination there will always be differences on points of interpretation, it is the desire of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to be in the main stream of conservative Baptist thought and doctrine; and

Whereas, the administration and faculty of Midwestern have subscribed to the Statement of Faith adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, in session

at Memphis, Tennessee, May 14, 1925, and that it is our belief that these are the guiding principles in their teaching; and

Whereas, recently criticism has been made of Dr. Ralph W. Elliott and of his book, *The Message of Genesis*; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees through the action of a special committee and by direct action of the Board in special session has investigated Dr. Elliott's beliefs and doc-

trinal position:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that while there are members of the Board of Trustees who are in disagreement with some of the interpretations presented by Dr. Elliott in his book, we do affirm our confidence in him as a consecrated Christian, a promising scholar and teacher, a local servant of Southern Baptists, and a dedicated and warmly evangelistic preacher of the Gospel.

Death In The Pot

By K. Owen White - Pastor,
First Baptist Church,
Houston, Texas

2 Kings 4:40

"Since the parable includes the historical and the non-historical, one can say with Richardson: 'We must learn to think of the stories of Genesis - the Creation, the Fall, Noah's ark, the Tower of Babel - in the same way as we think of the parables of Jesus; they are profoundly symbolical (though not allegorical) stories, which aren't to be taken as literally true (like the words of the textbook of geology), but which yet bear a meaning that cannot be paraphrased or stated in any other way without losing something of their quality of existential truth.'"

"Adam originally must have meant 'mankind', not just one person." "The particular problem of chapter 5 is the longevity of the antediluvians. It is difficult to believe that they actually lived as long as stated. In all probability, the Priestly writer simply exaggerated the ages in order to show the glory of an ancient civilization."

"God took him" is not necessarily an indication that he disappeared suddenly and was nowhere to be found. It is the Old Testament expression of belief in the ideal of immortality."

"The tower of Babel parable shows the futility and emptiness of human effort divorced from the acknowledgement and service of God." "In other words, there are a great many evidences which, while not giving conclusive proof, lent strong credence to the historicity of the patriarchs."

Stories Intensified
"Quite possibly some of the stories have been heightened and intensified by materials that are not literally historical, for the purpose of the Bible is not merely to give a factual account of events."

"This is not to say that Abram was a monotheist, but it is to say that he had a concept of God different from that of his pagan neighbors."

"If one cannot be certain of the facts of historicity, what is to be received from the stories?"

"It would appear, then, that in verse 19, Melchizedec was blessing Abraham by the Baal, whom Melchizedec considered to be the highest God of the city state at Salem."

"Supposedly, during the prophetic period, the narrative was edited in such a way that it was made also to teach a 'fine lesson about God.'"

"There developed the tradition that this was what happened to Lot's wife - perhaps not exactly historical..."

"Suddenly, what had been a thought of meditation gripped the inner being of Abraham until he thought he heard it as a clear call from God, 'Go sacrifice Isaac.'"

Does this sound like Boyce, Broadus, Mullins, Robertson, Sampey, Grambrell, Carroll, Scarborough, and other great Southern Baptist leaders? The quotations listed above are from *The Message of Genesis*, 1961, written by Dr. Ralph Elliott, now teaching at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri.

Being a graduate of Southern Seminary and having served as pastor of Southern Baptist churches for over 30 years, I love and believe in my denomination and have a burning passion for it to remain true to the Bible as the Word of God. I have a deep concern that our seminaries shall sound a clear, ringing note in their interpretation of the scriptures and that young preachers shall come from their halls with not "uncertain sound."

The book from which I have

quoted is liberalism, pure and simple! It stems from the rationalistic theology of Wellhausen and his school which led Germany to become a materialistic, godless nation. This is "wisdom of the world" which seeks to find a "reasonable, acceptable" solution to every problem which involves the supernatural.

Several great denominations in the last generation have drifted from the faith of our fathers, have lost their conviction that the Bible is authoritative and dependable and now have little evangelistic witness. The drift came from liberalism in their seminaries and their literature.

If the appeal is made for "academic freedom" let it be said that we gladly grant any man the right to believe what he wants to - but, we do not grant him the right to believe and express views in conflict with our historic position concerning the Bible as the Word of God, while he is teaching in one of our schools, built and supported by Baptist funds.

The book in question is "poison." This sort of rationalistic criticism can lead only to further confusion, unbelief, deterioration and ultimate disintegration as a great New Testament denomination. It has happened to other denominations, it can happen to us! Modernism is insidious, dangerous and destructive.

What can be done?
1. Invite men with such views to find a place of service with groups or denominations of like theological inclinations.

2. Ask the trustees of our institutions to consider seriously the dangers involved in such theological views and to exercise extreme caution in their approval of faculty members.

3. Urge our Broadman Press to be alert to any trend in the direction of liberalism in our publications.

This is not an incidental matter. It involves the total responsibility of every one of us individually, of our churches, and our denomination in declaring plainly, positively and unequivocally "the whole counsel of God."

In this brief statement I have made no attempt to review the book. The quotations speak for themselves. I have merely emphasized certain words and phrases in these quotations to shed light upon the particular doctrinal or historical truth in question. The influence of this sort of teaching would substitute intuition for inspiration, reason for revelation, and utility for faith.

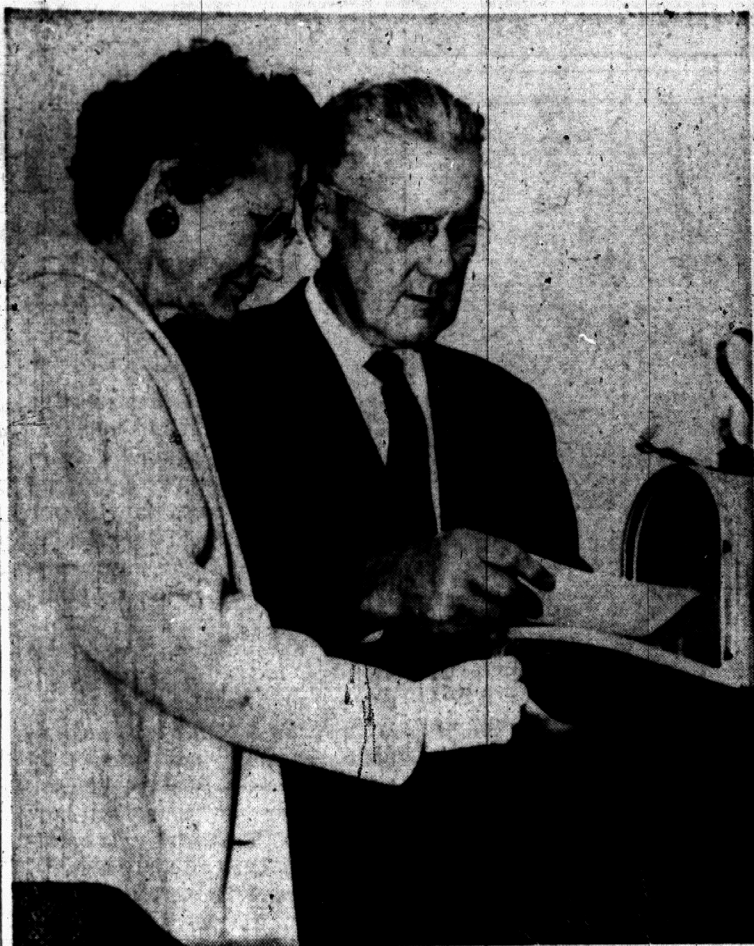
It is quite true of course that in our study and interpretation of God's Word we are not to forsake common sense but we also need to remember the words of Isaiah 55:8, 9. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways as my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

"There is death in the pot!"

Swiss Women Ask Suffrage

RUSCHLIKON, Switzerland (BWA) - More than 300 Swiss Baptist women, holding their annual meeting, called upon the Swiss Baptist Union to allow women to be delegates at its annual conventions when no men are available.

Some small churches have few men members, it was explained, and sometimes one who is appointed to attend the convention is not able to do so. The constitution of the Swiss Baptist Union now provides only for men delegates from the churches.



WELCOME MAIL—When the first of each month comes 'round, the Henry T. Brannons of Arlington, Tex., look forward to the retirement check from the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board. They are typical of the more than 5000 receiving such benefits. (BP) Photo.

Mother's Friend Death

By Bruce H. Price
Newport News, Va.

Death was a friend to my mother. For ten months she had constantly lived under its shadow. During the long days and nights, death came very near time and again, only to withdraw. Finally, with great mercy and like the kiss of a loved one, death gently closed upon her, giving relief and release from the sufferings of this present world. Then came to pass the saying that is written, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God."

It was my privilege to stand by mother's casket and pay a tribute to her after her pastor, Rev. Don Hook of Little Rock, Arkansas, had read words of comfort and assurance from God's Book. I believe she would have wanted it that way.

As I spoke to the relatives and friends who had come to say farewell until tomorrow, I recalled on one of my several visits to her bedside, she whispered, "I hope this will not be your last visit, but if it is, I am ready to go."

After my brief prayer, mother prayed earnestly, "O Lord, open the gates. Come and get me. Help me, help me, dear Lord. O Lord, take me."

Mother was limited in formal education, but she was not limited in her knowledge of God and his grace. My mother possessed little wealth of this world, but she laid up for herself an abundance of treasures in heaven. My mother never led a circle or Sunday school class, but she led in titling of all her increase

ATLA Offers \$9,000 to Library Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - The Library of Southern Seminary has been invited to participate in a three-year program of development which offers financial assistance.

The offer was made recently to Dr. Duke K. McCall, seminary president, by Raymond Morris of the American Theological Library Association.

Morris, chairman of ATLA's Library Development Program and librarian at Yale Divinity School, said the invitation carries with it an offer of \$9,000 in assistance during the next three years. The funds are available on a dollar-for-dollar matching basis, he said.

Leo T. Crismon, Southern Seminary librarian, said this means Southern must raise \$3,000 each year during the three-year period in order to participate in the program. Another stipulation which Crismon said the seminary library intends to meet, regardless, is that the yearly book budget of \$17,000 be continued. The money received through the development program will be used to purchase books for the seminary's new \$1 1/2-million James P. Boyce Centennial Library.

Brotherhood SBC Holds Annual Meet

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP) - Plans were approved for a change in Brotherhood programs at Ridgecrest and Glorieta during the annual Brotherhood leadership meeting held last week in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Starting with next summer's assemblies, seminar discussions designed to lead the men into depth studies regarding their personal relationship to Christ and their mission in the world as Christians will become a major part of these programs. This will replace to some extent the former plan designed to give information on Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador organizational methods and procedures.

Dr. George W. Schroeder, executive secretary, challenged the Brotherhood leaders to set the example in leading Baptist men to take a more active part in community life through civic, service, and community clubs.

Feel Needs Not Met

E. A. Andrews, Jr., secretary, division of men's work, Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, Virginia, told the Brotherhood leaders that many laymen today feel the church is not meeting their spiritual needs in applying faith to life.

As a result, they are turning to other organizations, many of which are retreat-type and not controlled by the church.

"Already there are about 65 such organizations in the United States," said Mr. Andrews. "Most of them are patterned after the academies which sprang up in Europe in recent years where laymen were not made to feel needed in the clergy-dominated church."

"Times demand a renewed interest in world missions, the original emphasis of Brotherhood, and recent activities of men indicate a readiness for action," declared one of the six study groups working on problems and possibilities for Brotherhoods and Royal Ambassadors.

DR. CARLSON TO LECTURE IN JERUSALEM

Cars, boats, airplanes, trains, walking, muleback and camels will be the modes of transportation that E. Leslie Carlson, professor of Biblical Introduction and Old Testament at Southwestern Seminary will use in traveling 25,000 miles when he journeys to Jerusalem January 15. The trip will bring his grand total of traveling miles to 135,000. He and Mrs. Carlson will visit 12 countries on their proposed trip.

Dr. Carlson was chosen to be the honorary lecturer at the Jerusalem branch of the American Schools of Oriental Research during the months of March and April. He is the first Southern Baptist ever appointed to this position.

His lecture series is entitled "Education as Revealed By Archeology in Bible Lands and Methods of Teaching as Revealed in Semitic Languages." Students attending his lectures will be from all parts of the world.

According to the Dr. Carlson the opportunity to teach in a foreign institute fulfills a life-long dream. "Ever since I came to Southwestern in 1917, I have dreamed of going abroad to lecture," he said.

Maryland Paper Becomes A Weekly

BALTIMORE (BP) - The Maryland Baptist, publication of the Baptist Convention of Maryland, became a weekly with the issue of Jan. 4.

Under the editorship of Gainer E. Bryan Jr., the paper had already moved from a monthly to semi-monthly publication.

Circulation of the eight-page weekly is now 15,000, reports Bryan. The paper dates from Feb. 1, 1917.

Help For The Man In The Pew, Pulpit

A critique of The Message of Genesis, Ralph H. Elliott

By ROBERT H. CRAFT, Pastor
Leawood Baptist Church, Leawood, Kansas

It has been well said that in his book *The Message of Genesis*, Dr. Ralph H. Elliott, Professor of Old Testament, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has probably made the most significant and creative contribution to the field of biblical scholarship for Southern Baptists since the writings of Dr. H. E. Dana and Dr. A. T. Robertson.

The first clear and unmistakable help the book offers to the minister or layman is to clarify and face squarely and honestly the major problems of authorship, dating, anachronisms, and oral tradition in Genesis. Dr. Elliott's answer to these problems demonstrates his academic integrity and pertinent knowledge of the best in Old Testament. He reasons about Genesis:

"... some of the material has roots going back to the early Sumerian - Babylonian period (3000-1500 B. C.). The form of its application to divine history perhaps is exilic and post-exilic (500 B. C.). Many human authors, worship circles, and redactors appear to have had a part in shaping Genesis over a long period of time. In a special sense, this underscores the fact that God is the ultimate author." P. 11

Draws Upon History

In various places in the Bible the authors mention drawing upon current history, personal testimony, editorial conclusion and differing patterns of research to write their particular book or segment of a book. The gospel according to St. Luke is an excellent example. Luke says,

"Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus..." Luke 1:1-3 R. S. V.

A serious and devout consideration of how and why Genesis was written is essential to the discerning student of God's Word. The author leads the reader through an exhilarating and fruitful study of the delicate problems conservative scholars have too long neglected in the study of Genesis.

The second unique help offered in this commentary, is by far the most important, is the reader is brought face to face with the fact that God, the Creator or man, is successfully and persistently working for man's plenary redemption from the malignancy of sin. Genesis 1-11 presents a prolegomena not only to the subsequent chapters but to the entire Bible. Chapters 1 and 2 present God in all of His virile productive force creating the world and man in His own image. Chapters 3-11 show man's sin in his willful disobedience to God's revelation and the resultant enmity between man and God, man against man, with the inevitable remedial judgments. The author emphasizes the in-

perative identification of every man in the picture detailed in these chapters.

The treatment of the first eleven chapters of Genesis demonstrates man's basis problem - he is a helpless sinner in need of a Redeemer. The book in subsequent chapters demonstrates God's evangelistic grace in answering man's need through a transformed life. The life of Abraham is a demonstration of this aforementioned thesis. The author uses approximately one-third of his book to describe God's relationship with Abraham. This section beginning on Page 75 and ending on Page 154 is the most inspirational, scholarly honest, and emotionally gripping passage in the whole book. His explanation of the life of Abraham has to be classified as equal to the best writing in the field of religion today.

Needed Source Today

Abraham's pilgrimage of faith from polytheism to monotheism and God's persistent love and loyalty to Abraham as he faltered, failed and ultimately succeeded is a needed source of strength for men today. Since God can take a man like Abraham who was nothing, and in spite of his human frailties, make something out of him, there is hope for every man today who will hear God's redemptive call and respond as did Abraham.

A number of valuable themes are enunciated and delineated in this book on Genesis. The reader will want to read and re-read the pages of this book to enhance the meaning of his faith in God. Use of this commentary will cause the thoughtful pastor to thrust himself into a new study of the whole Old Testament, a section of the Holy Bible that will provide his congregation and himself with a more intelligent and vigorous faith in God.



LOUISVILLE, KY. - The new president of the American Association of Schools of Religious Education is Dr. Allen W. Graves, dean of the School of Religious Education at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here. He was elected at the association's biennial meeting, Dec. 29, in Cincinnati, Ohio.



GALVARY CHURCH (Jones Association) held a groundbreaking service on November 26, 1961, for a new auditorium. Shown in the picture are some of those present at the ceremony. The Building Committee as shown on the front row from left to right: Mrs. Howard Hutto, Bill Coker, chairman; Bill Vick, Ray Sanderson, Rev. Byron Parker, pastor; R. F. Bush, oldest charter member; and Mrs. Bill Vick.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH CONSTITUTED IN BROOKLYN

BROOKLYN, N. Y. (BP) — The first Baptist church of Brooklyn has been organized from the Brooklyn Chapel of Manhattan Baptist Church.

The church will affiliate with the Northeastern Baptist Association, The Baptist Convention of Maryland, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

For Paul S. James, pastor

of Manhattan Church and pastoral director for Greater New York this was the seventh time this year to preside at the constituting of a church in Northeastern Association.

A total of 83 charter members constituted the membership of the new church. D. A. Morgan, pastor of the mission, was called as pastor of the church.

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HERE'S WHAT YOUR ASSOCIATION CAN DO . . .

1. Select one person to be responsible for Vacation Bible School promotion.
2. Enlist a complete team of six to attend the STATE CLINIC — Begins Monday at 5:30 and closes Wednesday at 10:45.
3. Send their names to Box 530, Jackson.
4. Conduct a ONE-DAY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC in your association in March or April.
5. Receive room and meals FREE if a COMPLETE TEAM of six attends, reimbursed at 66c a mile; if the team comes in two cars if the complete team comes in one car the driver will be the drivers will receive .04c a mile. (ROUND TRIP)
6. REMEMBER the State Clinic is designed to train associational leadership. If local workers attend they make their own reservations at Gulfshore. "Barracks only."
7. "PLAN FOR TWO IN SIXTY-TWO."

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—YOUTH IS EXALTED Experience Doesn't Count

By W. R. ROBERTS
Annuity Board Representative
S. B. C. — Mississippi

With a large financial claim at stake, a man or group of men usually seek a lawyer with the most experience, sound judgment and a successful record of winning lawsuits.

If a human life is a stake and an operation is needed, the surgeon called in is usually a man of proven experience, wisdom and skill. In such a crisis, we never ask the lawyer or surgeon how old he is. This writer recently underwent minor surgery. The surgeon is well up in his seventies. It was comforting to know that he had been a surgeon for over fifty (50) years. In fact, I am told that the most productive years for a lawyer or doctor are the years between fifty and seventy.

Universities and colleges don't turn a man down just because he has had twenty-five or thirty years experience.

Is not the individual soul and character of many lives as important as a financial claim or the saving of a body? Pulpit committees frequently inquire state workers about names that have been placed before their committee. Invariably, the first question they want answered is the approximate age of each man. Our larger churches express little interest in a person beyond forty-five (45) years of age.

Need Strong Voices

Some of our greatest souls and minds are in the upper age bracket — well beyond the acceptable age of forty-five. Aside from waste of talent and experience this practice is inhuman and unchristian. We need some strong voices to correct this wasteful practice — voices from the leaders of our churches. The only people who can stem the tide are the pulpit committees of the various churches.

Much concern has been expressed in recent years over the increasingly large number of disturbed church situations. No doubt there are many contributing factors, among them being that our whole society

In Memory of Mrs. Ada Caraway

Mrs. Ada Caraway, longtime resident of Bolton, Mississippi, and member of Bolton Baptist Church, died on October 28, 1961.

Rev. Don C. Henderson, pastor of the Bolton Church, has written these words in tribute of Mrs. Caraway:

"Mrs. Caraway (Miss Ada to all who knew her) was a saint of mercy and kindness. It was to her the needy came for help. But in most cases she sought out those she could help. People of all races and religions found in her a friend. 'Miss Ada left little behind in worldly wealth. She had given it all away to those in need. Her wealth, she had sent on ahead."

"The blessings of her saintly life are still fresh in our minds, and the memory of her life will guide us who are left here to work. May God give us grace to do good as she did."

Baptism Highlights Israel Meeting

PETAH TIQVA, Israel — (BWA) — One hundred and seventy-five representatives from Arab and Jewish Baptist congregations took part in the eighth annual conference of Baptists in Israel, held at the Baptist Center in Petah Tiqva during the Jewish Sukkoth. The baptism of four young people highlighted the meeting.

Four languages were used in the sessions — Arabic, Hebrew, English, and French. A large number of students from African countries were guests at the meeting. The Israeli Baptists came from Nazareth, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Petah Tiqva, Haifa, Acre, and Cana. They sent greetings to Baptists of Nigeria on the occasion of the first anniversary of Nigerian independence.

is disturbed. Not to be discounted in many situations is the inexperienced leadership. This does not necessarily mean inexperienced pastoral leadership. In many instances, the leadership of our churches is in the hands of the young and inexperienced. Men of proven leadership have had to take a back seat.

We need to take stock. Age is vital but so is experience. Our denomination can ill afford to continue turning men out of places of leadership in the very prime of their ministry. In the first place, we do the older preachers an injustice. In the second place, it's a mistake to place a young and inexperienced preacher in a situation that he can't cope with. Some of our churches are live booby traps for an inexperienced pastor.

The Annuity Board provides for those pastors who have participated in the protection plan. They receive their annuity at 65 or later. The average has been slightly over 66. If it were possible for a pastor to continue in service to 68 or longer, his retirement check would be much more.

Yes, age is important but so is experience. Both age and experience should be kept in the right perspective.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Friendship, Aberdeen (Monroe): December 6-10; Rev. Junior Hill, Hartselle, Alabama, evangelist; Rev. Norris Garner, pastor; seven professions of faith; five by letter; one rededication; one surrender to full-time Christian service.

Dutch Baptists Have Church Building Fund

AMSTERDAM, Holland — (BWA) — The Union-Building Society of the Dutch Baptist Union is preparing a special program in 1962 to ask all members of Baptist churches in the Netherlands to give one per cent of their wages to a special fund for the support of church building programs.

The Society was founded in 1944 and has assisted already in the fifteen year period in the erection of 25 churches. These churches cost a total of 1.5-million guilders. The Society expects that in the coming fifteen years 3 million guilders will be spent for new churches, especially in industrial territories, the bigger cities and other new places.

The Baptist Union has nearly 70 churches with 8,500 members. This is an increase from the 38 churches with 6,000 members in 1945.



TEENAGER'S PARENTS — Carol Haines is an attractive 17 year old girl who normally would have had lots of friends. Her problem was her parents, who "loved" her so well that they monopolized all of her time and allowed her no life of her own. This film tackles the problem of one girl's parents quite realistically and provides some timely answers to it. There's a happy ending in which Carol and her mother and dad are completely reconciled. This is another in the 1962 television series, THE ANSWER, produced by Southern Baptists' Radio-TV Commission. "Teenager's Parents" will be seen in Mississippi, Sunday, January 14, over these stations: WTOK, Meridian, 1:00 p. m. and WMCT, Memphis, Tenn., 8:30 a. m. Sun.; and WLBT, Jackson, 1:00 p. m. Sun.



CAREY COLLEGE Homecoming Court, to participate in annual Homecoming, is first, row, (left to right) Carol Pierce, Freshman Maid, Los Angeles, California; Becky Brister, Sophomore Maid, Pascagoula, Mississippi. Second row, (left to right) Bonnie Jo High, Junior Maid, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Joyce Hopper Queen, Mobile, Alabama; Pat Kerr, Senior Maid, Meridian, Mississippi.

Carey College to Celebrate Homecoming, Jan. 13

William Carey College will celebrate its annual Homecoming on Saturday, January 13.

Joyce Hopper, a senior from Mobile, Alabama, will reign as queen of the Homecoming festivities. She will be crowned during the half-time coronation ceremonies at the homecoming game between The Carey Crusaders and Louisiana College.

A special feature of homecoming this year will be a reunion of the members of four Carey graduating classes. Those classes being honored this year are the classes of 1931, 1935, 1956, and 1961.

The schedule of activities for the homecoming includes:

- 2:00 p. m. — Class Reunions
- 2:00 p. m. — Homecoming Parade
- 3:30 p. m. — Fine Arts Recital

Bangkok Church Breaks Ground

The "mother church" of much of the work related to Southern Baptist missionaries in Thailand broke ground December 3 for a \$30,000 building. Grace Baptist Church, Bangkok, has been meeting in rented quarters since its organization on September 16, 1951, the first church to grow out of the mission program begun two years before.

From this Mandarin Chinese-speaking church (which also had preaching in English at first) came Swatow Chinese-speaking New Hope Baptist Church and a Chinese chapel, Thai-speaking Immanuel Baptist Church and a Thai chapel, and English-speaking Calvary Baptist Church.

Grace's new building is being made possible by special gifts from its 42 resident members, Southern Baptist mission offerings, and a church loan fund. The acting pastor, Mu Hong Rei, is a missionary of the Taiwan (Formosa) Baptist Convention, sent to Thailand in 1960.

- 4:30 p. m. — Groundbreaking for new Women's Dormitory
- 5:30 p. m. Alumni Banquet
- 7:00 p. m. — Pep Rally
- 8:00 p. m. — Homecoming Game
- 10:00 p. m. — Social honoring the Homecoming Court

SICKENING GAS INTERRUPTS CHURCH MUSIC PROGRAM

HOUSTON, Tex. (BP)—A sickening sweet gas overcame several members of the Brookhaven Baptist Church here, breaking up the church's annual Christmas music program.

At least eight persons were admitted to Houston hospitals. Most recovered when they obtained oxygen. One member of the church said the gas was very sweet-smelling and did not smell like natural gas. The gas made the members deathly sick, gave them a headache, and finally caused them to black out, witnesses said. Source of the gas was not immediately known.

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GROUP LEARNING CLINIC

FEBRUARY 12-16, 1962

Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

In this issue we are continuing a cumulative list of all the people in Mississippi who are attending the GROUP LEARNING CLINIC in Memphis, February 12-16, 1962. Send your name and address to the Training Union Department, Box 530, Jackson, so that your name can be added. Help us to keep the list growing!

1. Mrs. Joe T. Odle, Jackson
2. Miss Evelyn George, Jackson
3. Kermit King, Jackson
4. James Harrell, Jackson
5. G. G. Pierce, Jackson
6. Mrs. C. W. Thompson, Ellisville
7. Mr. Horace Kerr, Jackson
8. Ethel McKeithen, Columbus
9. Gordy Hughes, Meridian
10. Rev. Charles D. Phillips, Houston
11. Mr. Wyndole Sullivan, Houston
12. Mrs. Wyndole Sullivan, Houston

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

Final preparations are being made for Southern Baptists first Group Learning Clinic. The clinic is sponsored by the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board and will provide a depth study of the best methods and materials for effective group learning.

Program features will be: Age-group meetings, practical demonstrations and workshop periods with many how-to presentations.

Another interesting feature will be the use of television in group learning. Dr. John W. Drakeford of Southwestern Seminary will teach the Bible lesson on television. Bible discussion leaders will take the general presentation for discussion in smaller groups and application to the age group with whom the conferees are working.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Who should attend the Group Learning Clinic?—Pastors, ministers of education, youth directors, children's workers or other church staff members . . . Training Union general or department officers, counselors, leaders or sponsors, department leaders or associate leaders, or members of an Adult or Young People's Union . . . Associational superintendent of missions, or associational Training Union officers.

Robinson Street Meets A Need

Under the capable direction of Training Union director Sam Walker, and pastor Robert Ledbetter, Robinson Street Church, in meeting a need for married Young People in Training Union has also contributed toward meeting a need of the enlistment of leadership.

On July 16, a Married Young Peoples Union was organized at Robinson Street Church to meet a need for the numerous young couples who were coming into the church membership. This union began with four couples or a total of eight members. By October 1 of 1961, this membership had grown from eight to fourteen during which time two couples had been enlisted out of the union for leadership responsibilities elsewhere in the Training Union. By December 15, the enrollment of this union numbered 21 with 8 people on their honor-roll of former members who had been sent out into positions of leadership. This represents an enlistment of 29 married young people during the period of July 16-December 15.

This success story could well be the model for the organization of married young peoples unions in many churches over the state of Mississippi.

Poplar Springs Abhors Idea Of Legal Liquor

"BE IT RESOLVED:
(1) That Poplar Springs Baptist Church, Mendenhall, Miss., wishes to go on record that we are against legalization of alcoholic beverages in any form.

(2) That we respectfully petition the Honorable Ross Barnett and the Representatives of the great state of Mississippi that they join efforts to keep our state legally dry, and to make actual that which is legal.

(3) That we, on the authority of Holy Scripture, express our intense dislike of, and shame at, the hypocrisy of the Black Market Tax in our beloved state.

(4) That we commend the Sheriff of Simpson County and his deputies for the improved conditions in our county.

(5) That we believe that the pastor of this church is able to present an unshakable case in favor of total abstinence and is willing to present this case to any body or anyone.

(6) That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Ross Barnett, Senator Jack Pace of Magee, Representative Alton White of Mendenhall, The Baptist Record, The Clarion Ledger and The State Times of Jackson, Mississippi and to the Simpson County News.

Prayerfully and Respectfully submitted,

Pastor: Victor C. Johnson
Deacons: Lee Ponder, Roy May, A. D. May, L. E. Ponder, Clyde Layton, Alonzo Benton.

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Louise Cartledge

To Coast Church

Miss Louise Cartledge, educational director for First Church, Oxford, has accepted the call of First Church, Biloxi to serve in a similar capacity.

Louise is a native of Mississippi and has served also the Daniel Memorial Church in Jackson and the University Heights Church in Stillwater, Oklahoma. She will work in Biloxi with a former pastor at Oxford, Rev. Schuyler M. Batson, who went to the Biloxi church the first of September.

Golden Gate Seminary Now Accredited

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary has received full accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools.

Harold K. Graves, president of the Southern Baptist seminary, called the announcement of accreditation "the result of long years of effort on the part of so many."

An associate member of the association since 1954, the seminary is also an associate member of the American Association of Schools of Religious Education.

The seminary will be placed on the accredited list of seminaries throughout the U. S. and Canada, Graves said.

The school's academic standards and quality of work were examined carefully by the inspectors of the accrediting association, the president said. The association requires that a school first become an associate member and report its status to the commission on accrediting, using biennial report forms and other supporting materials.

Following accreditation, a school must maintain standards as defined by the association.

Cox To Attend Annuity Meeting

Rev. Carey Cox, pastor of First Church in Brandon, who is the Mississippi member of the trustees of the Annuity Board in Dallas, Tex., is scheduled to attend a meeting of the trustees there Jan. 30-31.

The trustees will hear reports of the Board's work for 1961 and messages by Dr. H. H. Hobbs, of Oklahoma City, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, and Dr. Porter Routh, of Nashville, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

College Names Posey to Position

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (BP) — The California Baptist College board of trustees has employed S. G. Posey, emeritus executive secretary-treasurer of the California Convention, as college evangelist and field representative.

Also, they elevated Floy S. Wise to the academic dean-ship; endorsed the proposed construction of a "book of life building;" and approved a "friends of the library" project.

Sunday Reports

Sunday School Attendance
Training Union Attendance
Additions To The Church

JANUARY 7, 1962		
Aberdeen, First	376	102
Main	73	21
Mission	506	101
Amory, First	198	116
Antioch (Lowndes)	72	43
Artesia	209	104
Asaiah, First	110	101
Beiden	131	101
Bethel (Cophah)	214	143
Bethlehem (Jones)	260	93
Siloam	623	202
Immanuel	417	183
First	36	181
Booneville, First	52	32
Main	144	60
Boston (Crestwood)	124	59
Brookhaven	847	216
Peartaven	763	101
Westman	308	105
First	34	23
Main	297	163
Maupert Heights	380	177
Broad, First	303	132
Mission	25	25
Canal, First	248	100
Anniston, City, First	325	153
Cleveland	183	81
Calvary	185	140
Yale	217	136
Columns	947	281
Louisa, First	217	136
Corinth	394	153
East	173	31
Crystal Springs, First	888	224
Cornerville (Marshall)	54	39
Georgetown	105	68
Greenwood	411	197
Calvary	404	136
Greenville, First	888	301
Greenfield	97	54
Chinise	258	113
Grenada	258	113
Immanuel	319	68
Gutport	28	16
Grace Memorial	993	352
First	158	139
Pass Road	355	142
Handsome	667	295
Hattiesburg	926	420
First	425	36
Main Street	76	48
North Main	57	24
Wayside	37	24
Ridgecrest	37	24
Temple	37	24
Central	37	24
38th Avenue	293	139
Hollanda	199	90
Jackson	852	400
Aita Woods	362	214
Crestwood	588	237
Hilcrest	210	102
McLaurin Road	156	90
Emmanuel	100	75
Raymond Road	116	47
Parkway	116	47
Daniel Memorial	116	47
Woodland Hills	779	197
Main	619	197
Mission (Deaf)	1589	692
Calvary	1546	653
Main	1675	59
Mission	1675	59
Magnolia Park	1064	495
Broadmoor	318	174
Midway	422	177
Highland	772	277
Ridgecrest	182	94
McLaurin Heights	262	146
Southside	427	177
Oak Forest	273	142
Robinson Street	196	63
Lyon	196	63
Mission (Roundway)	375	75
Beach, First	375	75
Mission (DeLisle)	48	10
Meridian	759	284
First	774	238
Fifteenth Avenue	579	286
Poplar Springs Dr.	584	209
Eight	180	100
State Boulevard	611	210
Main	449	210
Hospital Mission	405	169
Calvary	364	143
Main	27	20
Fewell Survey Miss.	14	6
Low Springs, Miss.	103	79
Fellowship	219	157
Pulit Avenue Mission	24	12
Indianapolis	299	159
Kosciusko	564	225
First	540	196
Main	540	196
Mission	170	116
Second	169	43
Parkway	169	43
Laurel	644	225
First	470	151
Magnolia Street	188	136
Glade	375	147
Second Avenue	464	207
Highland	409	166
Wildwood	250	102
Liberty	139	100
Luther	369	143
Magee, First	101	82
Magnolia	240	123
Morton	115	68
Springfield	233	62
McComb	396	194
South	270	94
East	134	84
Central	182	119
Navilla	93	56
Locust Street	287	133
Mt. Pleasant (Lincoln)	287	133
Natchez	472	227
Manantoway	59	27
New Albany, First	76	40
Newton, First	245	136
Mission	394	180
Oklahoma, Carnation	723	289
Pascagoula	169	78
Unity	433	191
Eastman	137	86
Pearson (Rankin)	402	141
Pontotoc, First	40	32
Petal	115	114
Temple	40	21
Petal-Harvey	548	150
Harvey Mission	19	121
Pleasant Home (Jones)	353	124
Prospect (Perry)	348	164
Picayune	132	99
Mission	124	114
Pearl (Rankin)	377	97
Petal Crestview	300	123
Plainway	172	65
Quitman, First	45	32
Ripley	194	81
Rosedale, First	267	95
Ruth	57	47
Richton	130	40
Ruleville	157	68
Sharon (Gulf Coast)	85	50
Sand Hill (Jones)	184	105
Soso, First	518	211
Stonewall	375	120
Salem (Marshall)	45	29
Terry	219	140
Tupelo	692	282
Main & Church Sts.	562	192
Harriburg	284	107
Union, First	49	19
Mission	619	210
Union (Pearl River)	294	127
Vicksburg, First	49	19
West Point	394	127
First	49	19
Calvary	619	210
West End	294	127
West End (Winston)	49	19
Yazoo City, First	394	127
December 31	294	127
Batesville, First	131	101
Bethel (Cophah)	208	132
Bethlehem (Jones)	819	178
Biloxi, First	134	75
Cedar Grove (Greene)	144	84
Clarkdale, Oakhurst	319	116
Corinth, First	406	98
Georgetown	124	75
Gulfport, Pass Road	375	133
Hollanda	96	76
Laurel, Plainway	125	114
Ludlow	81	32
Long Beach, First	348	164
Main	306	70
DeLisle-Mission	42	20
Pleasant Home (Jones)	124	93
Petal, Crestview	128	93
Picayune, First	539	149
Main	818	149
Mission	21	12
Ripley, First	314	106
Sharon, First	127	63
Ruth	63	32
Springfield (Scott)	117	64
Stonewall	196	63
Tuberville, First	38	32
Tupelo, First	368	72
Union, First	694	111
Mission	58	29

By Clifton J. Allen
Exodus 20:1-3; Deuteronomy
6:4-9; Matthew 6:24; John
14:1-11



The Ten Commandments begin with a declaration designed to insure the worship of the one true God. This is man's first duty and his highest privilege. The idea that God alone is to be worshiped, that he is the only real God, came to us through the people of Israel and through the revelation in the Bible. When God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses and forbade, first of all, the worship of any other god, he was laying the foundation of true religion and right living. He was also laying the foundation from which developed the concept of monotheism as a central doctrine of the Old Testament Scriptures. There is one God, the true triune God; but he has revealed himself to men as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

How common is idolatry? Is it restricted to Buddhists, Hindus, Moslems, or the adherents of other non-Christian religions? Is idolatry possible even among professing Christians? In what sense could our nation be called pagan?

The Lesson Explained GOD'S INTRODUCTION OF HIMSELF (Ex. 20:1-2)

The Ten Commandments are introduced thus: "God spake all these words." We thus note the source of these majestic Commandments. God introduces himself as "Lord," that is, "Jehovah." He was the covenant God of Israel. He called himself "thy God." The people of Israel were to realize their special relationship to him. More important still, he identified himself as the deliverer of the Israelites from Egypt, the one who brought them out of the house of bondage. His mighty power, his intervention, his compassion and purpose, accounted for their freedom and their chance to return to their heritage in Canaan. We are to understand the First Commandment in the light of the nature of God himself whose holiness merits reverence and whose authority merits obedience.

GOD ALONE TO BE WORSHIPED (Ex. 20:3)

Specifically, the Israelites were charged to have no other gods before Jehovah. That is, Jehovah was to be the sole object of their worship. This means that they were to put their trust in him and give their allegiance to him and to him alone. The First Commandment does not directly say that there is no god beside Jehovah. But it does imply that there is no true god but Jehovah for he is to be the sole object of worship.

The First Commandment is God's will for all mankind. He is the Creator, the Saviour, the Holy One, the living Lord. He reveals himself to men, he redeems and preserves, he bestows mercies without number, and he executes justice and judgment in the earth. Who else or what else could rightly claim man's supreme trust or love or loyalty? To disregard this Commandment is blackest sin and greatest folly.

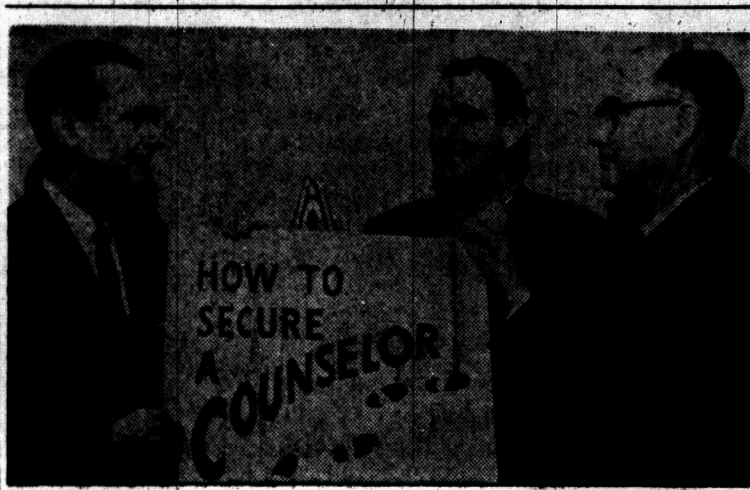
SUPREMACY ALLEGIANCE (Deut. 6:4-9)

Nearly forty years passed. The Israelites were on the verge of entrance into Canaan. Moses made repeated appeals to them to be obedient to God's Commandments and faithful to his purposes. Here we have monotheism directly expressed. God is one; he alone is God. There is but one God, and he is Jehovah. This is not a denial of the Trinity, a truth which is so clearly taught when we come to the full doctrine of God in the New Testament. The admonition to love the Lord with all the heart and soul and strength means that he is to be the supreme object of allegiance and devotion. Such wholehearted love is the motive for obedience.

The worship of God could not be taken for granted. The record of his mighty judgments and wondrous mercies and the body of laws which he had given were to be transmitted from parents to children and to the children's children. Our religion is a teaching religion. We

—THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

There Is One God



PROSPECTIVE COUNSELORS, BEWARE! — Two Mississippi leaders of men and boy's work discuss with Edward Hurt (left) of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, how to secure a counselor. They are Lee Ferrell (center) and Elmer Howell, both of Jackson, who attended the annual Brotherhood leadership meeting at Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Evangelistic Harvest At Vanga Despite Unrest In The Congo

VANGA, Congo — (BWA) — Churches in the Vanga area baptized almost 8,000 new converts in 1960, and Rev. Norman Riddle of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Societies believes 1961 might be an even better year for evangelism.

This upsurge in missionary activity has come only months after missionaries had been driven out of the Republic of the Congo due to political and economic disturbances. The missionaries are back now, and are soon expected to reach the total quota of 57.

Mr. Riddle reports that "many Congolese pastors and village evangelists are going on with only a fraction of their salaries." Church funds and edu-

cannot expect the true worship of the one true God to continue unless we teach our children about God and transmit a heritage of faith with such sanctity of meaning that it will be passed on from generation to generation to the end of time. NO RIVAL (Matt. 6:24)

This verse is an incisive commentary on the First Commandment. According to Jesus, we cannot have two gods. There will be a real love and devotion for only one of them. A divided heart is really impossible. "Ye cannot serve God and mammon." Mammon stands for worldly riches. We become guilty of breaking the First Commandment, not simply by worshipping Baal or Buddha or Allah, but also by giving allegiance to and putting trust in the material possessions and satisfactions of life. We simply cannot worship God and mammon; we must make a choice, God of mammon. God will have no rival. Jehovah is the only true God. He alone is worthy of our utmost devotion, our supreme allegiance. If he does not come first in life, how can one claim obedience to the First Commandment?

Truths to Live By

Many false gods plead for acceptance. — There is but one true God, Jehovah, Ruler of heaven and earth; but there are countless false gods. Riches and possessions become a god. Popularity and fame can become a god. One may make a god out of his business or profession. In some countries the state assumes the role of god. A political party or a system of philosophy is often made a god. And all these false gods make their pleas for acceptance. They try to capture a person's heart and mind and allegiance. It is nothing less than amazing that persons will turn from the Lord to worship a sham god who can give neither help nor help in the life to come.

God demands first place — God is supreme. He is infinite in every attribute of his being. Nothing can be on a par with him. Nothing can substitute for him. It is but natural therefore, that he be first. Since we have been created in his image and made for his glory, it is surely right for us to acknowledge him as Lord and give to him first place in all that we think or do or desire. God demands first place in our thoughts and should be the object of frequent meditation. God demands first place in one's trade or job or profession or business. One's vocation should demonstrate God's principles and standard in the way one earns a living. This is something of what the

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Off The Record

A newly-married man found his wife in tears when he arrived home from the office. "You know that cake I made from Mother's recipe?" she sobbed. "Well, I put it out to cool and the cat ate half of it."

"Never mind, darling," he comforted. "I know someone who will give us a kitten."

Willie: "Paw, what is the difference between capital and labor?"

Paw: "Well, the money you lend represents capital, and getting it back represents labor, my son."

Surgeon (addressing students at hospital): "The muscle of the patient's left leg has contracted till it is much shorter than the right leg. Therefore he limps. Now, what would you do in such circumstances?"

Student: "Limp, too."

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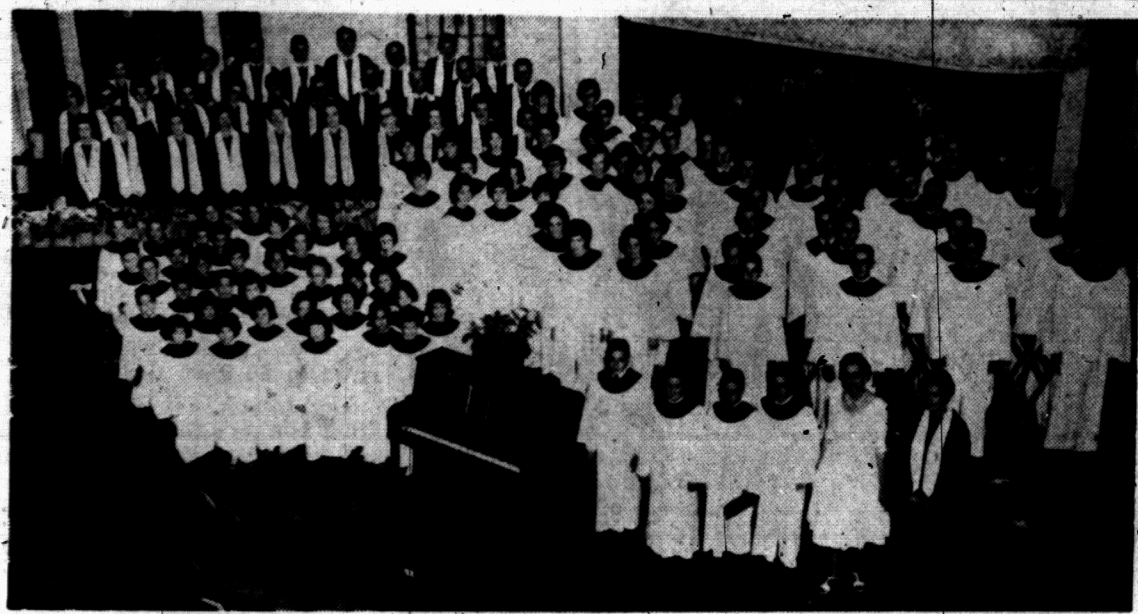
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ONE HUNDRED and twenty-seven members of the Church, Chapel, and Carol Choirs of the First Church of Pontotoc were heard in a program of Christmas music on Sunday night, December 17. Mrs. W. Levon Moore is the Director of the Church and Chapel Choirs, and Mrs. H. E. Dillard is the Director of the Carol Choir. The organist is Mrs. John Ryburn, and the pianists are Mrs. Billy Butler, Mrs. B. T. Simms, and Miss Ginger Odom. On Wednesday night, December 20, the Celestial and Cherub Choirs, also directed by Mrs. Moore, joined the Carol and Chapel Choirs in a Family Night at Christmas service. The church has just purchased ninety-nine new robes for the Chapel and Carol Choirs at a cost of over fifteen hundred dollars. There are now two hundred and ten enrolled in the six choirs of the church. Dr. W. Levon Moore is the pastor.

15 Profess Christ In Thai Revival

Fifteen persons professed faith in Christ during a recent week-long revival at Immanuel Baptist Church, Bangkok, Thailand. "Outstanding was the willingness and readiness to accept the Saviour on the part of those whom we approached," says Pastor S. Judson Lennon, Southern Baptist missionary.

Dr. R. Keith Parks, missionary to Indonesia, was visiting evangelist for the week of services, which centered around the theme, "To God Be the Glory."

Most of those who made professions of faith had been in contact with the gospel for a long time: the wife of a deacon, the daughter of another deacon, a helper in a missionary's home, young people who had been attending the Baptist Student Center, persons from homes where one or more members of the family were already Christians.



Van Winkle Ordains Preacher

Sunday night, December 31, Van Winkle Church ordained Rev. Paul Nix to the gospel ministry. Rev. Nix, age twenty has recently been called as pastor of the New Bethel Church in Carroll County.

Rev. Nix has been a licensed minister since he was fifteen years of age. He is a graduate of Forest Hill High School and is at present enrolled at Mississippi College. Rev. H. A. Milner is pastor of Van Winkle Church.

Sisters Earn 10-Year Pins

Frances and Faye Taylor, members of New Hope Church near Meridian, received 10-year perfect attendance in Sunday school pins, presented to them by their pastor, Rev. Herschel Thornell.

Frances is a freshman at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, and Faye is an 8th grader at Clarkdale School. The girls are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Taylor, Route 3, Meridian.

Preaching Mission

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — (BWA) — An island-wide evangelistic program, with most of the 50 Baptist churches in Puerto Rico participating, has been conducted with the help of 24 visiting American Baptist ministers.

Puerto Rico is a home mission field of the American Convention. Expenses for the traveling ministers were paid by their own churches and their respective State Conventions.

—DEVOTIONAL—

"My God And I"

By Mrs. Joe R. Clark, Executive Assistant
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

This topic is certainly personal, all inclusive, and suggests business. Condensed, we might say "Why are we Here?", or "What is Our purpose?"

God Is Purposeful

Since the fall of man, redemption of man has been God's chief purpose. This purpose is revealed by God through all history.



Which way does the Mississippi River flow? The map reveals it flows in every direction. However, when you get up high enough you discover the course of the Mississippi is to the South. Its great purpose is to reach the sea — just as God's great purpose is the redemption of man.

The Unseen Hand

God chose Abraham a Semite . . . He chose Palestine, surrounded by Egypt, Assyria and Babylon, as the place for his people, and taught his people a consciousness of His plan.

He chose the Greek language for the presentation of His message . . . He chose the fullness of time, not just anytime, for the birth of Jesus. History reveals an unseen hand working.

All Of Man

God's purpose is to save all of man: his soul, his society, his home, and his economics. Every religion and every "ism" is demanding much of our young people and adults today, and as Christians we must be astute and desire to take every phase of our living for Christ.

Me — His Plan

Jesus spoke to Simon and Andrew and said, "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17) Since God deals with each of us as individuals he would speak these words also unto you and me.

He has called and saved us for a purpose. Some are called to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, but all for the perfecting of the saints, the work of the ministry, and the edifying of the body.

This same Jesus who changed Saul of Tarsus, the persecutor of Christians, into Paul, the powerful missionary, and changed Peter, the rude, crude fisherman, into a winner of souls. The same Jesus who changed Jerry McCauley, a drunk in the streets of New York, into a magnificent Christian witness — this same Jesus can make you and me to become genuine witnesses for him this year.

This is his promise . . . "Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men." My place in his plan is to exemplify faith that he can accomplish this in my life.

"An active faith can give thanks for a promise though it be not as yet performed; knowing that God's bonds are as good as ready money." — Matthew Henry.

Passive faith accepts the words as true —

But never moves.

Active faith begins the work to do, —

And thereby proves.

Courage grows by the using. Cowardice becomes even greater as one yields to it. Fight for the right, and strength comes in daily to keep up the battle. Give up weakly, and despair sees its chance and takes it.

Rules Protestant Couple May Adopt Catholic Boy

PARRY SOUND, Ont. (RNS) — Judge Walter Little of Ontario ruled here that a four-year-old Roman Catholic boy may legally be adopted by the Protestant foster parents who reared him since he was 23 days old.

The decision is unprecedented in Ontario Province where the adoption of Catholic children by Protestant couples, and vice versa, is opposed by the Children's Aid Society.

Judge Little, however, pointed out that to decide otherwise in the case "would be to put a religious tag on the word justice — which its very meaning denies."

He therefore awarded the boy, Joey, to Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Lamb of South River who have been fighting for three years to adopt him legally.



YWA GUEST — This little boy was one of 127 children from the Baptist Children's Village that got gifts from Santa Claus early during the Christmas party given for them by the Young Women's Auxiliary at Mississippi College. With peppermint candy spread from cheek to cheek, he hugs his newly acquired toy with an expression of appreciation.

Names In The News

Rev. and Mrs. A. Amelia Giannetta, missionaries to South Brazil, are now doing evangelistic work among Italian-speaking people in the state of Sao Paulo. Their address is Caixa Postal 552, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Before appointment by the Foreign Mission Board in 1960 the Giannettas were Southern Baptist home missionaries among Italian-speaking people in California. Both are natives of Italy but naturalized U. S. citizens. She is the former Lidia Acacia.

J. R. Lindsey, father of Dr. Robert L. Lindsey, missionary to Israel, died January 1 in Norman, Okla. Missionary Lindsey may be addressed at Jebel Ban, Hapalmach 3, Iiberian, Israel. He is a native of Norman.

Mrs. A. B. Christo, emeritus missionary to Brazil, has moved from Corpus Christi to Houston, Tex., where she may be addressed at Texas Baptist Haven, 12601 Memorial Drive. She is the former Anna Cloud, of Stella, Mo.

Rev. Harold O' Chester began his fourth year as pastor of First Church, Purvis, on Sunday, December 31, 1961.

Rev. James Kellum has been called as pastor of Fairview Mission, Riverside Association. He began his duties in December, and will preach there on the second and fourth Sundays.

Mrs. Paul Simon became full-time secretary for Lyon Church on January 1, 1962. During the past year she had served as half-time secretary of Riverside Baptist Association and half-time secretary for Lyon Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis E. Lee, missionaries to Peru, have moved from Trujillo to Chiclayo, where their address is Apartado 319, Chiclayo, Peru. Both are natives of Texas, he of Dallas and she, the former Jo Ellen Rutherford, of Anna.

Dr. B. F. Smith, Chairman of the Division of Religion and Philosophy, William Carey College is serving as interim pastor of Collins Church since the resignation of Rev. Carless Evans to accept the pastorate of First Church, Picayune.



Pineview, Kreole Calls Pastor

Pineview Church, Jackson Association, has called as pastor, Rev. Ray Megginson, pastor of the Daphne Church, Daphne, Alabama. He is the former pastor of the Parkview Church, Natchez, and served as associational missionary in the Union and Riverside Associations in this state.

During his stay at Daphne a new educational building was constructed, all the buildings of the church was air-conditioned, the auditorium was redecorated, the Sunday School and Training Union were reorganized, and the financial structure was greatly strengthened.

Pineview Church is located between Kreole and Moss Point, in a newly developing area, near the new Standard Oil refinery. It formerly was the Friendship Church, Kreole but was moved and built two units of a four-unit building project, which, when finished, will care for over 500 in its program of work.

W. R. Underwood Loses Mother

Mrs. W. R. Underwood, mother of Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, Associate Secretary for Promotion for the Foreign Mission Board, died Tuesday, January 2. Funeral services and burial were held Thursday afternoon in Stamford, Tex.

Mission Hill Reports Progress

Mission Hill Church, Wesson, Rev. W. E. Derrick, pastor, reports that in the past year the church's budget has doubled, with 10 per cent of the receipts now to go to the Cooperative Program. (The church contributes monthly to the local BSU).

During the year the church had several additions by profession of faith and baptism and one addition by letter. "Spiritual growth has been noted on the part of some of the younger members, particularly," reports the pastor.

The church, with less than 100 resident members, has purchased new pews for the auditorium. (The original ones were made for the church almost eighty years ago). Other work has been done on the physical plant.

Sunday school attendance averages 52 and Training Union about 41.

E. O. Mills Dies

Rev. E. O. Mills, 88, Southern Baptist emeritus missionary to Japan, died Monday, January 1, at Baptist Memorial Hospital, San Angelo, Tex., after a long illness. Funeral services were held in Fort Worth, Tex., Tuesday, January 2.

A native of Deansville, Wis., Mr. Mills studied at Iowa Normal School and received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Des Moines (Iowa) College. After teaching school in the states for several years he went to Japan at his own expense and taught in government schools for two years.

"WE COULD GO A LONG WAY toward solving many contemporary racial problems if people in general and Christians in particular would recognize that above and beyond racial distinctions is a oneness of race." — T. B. Maston professor of Christian ethics, Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. "The Bible and Racial Distinctions" in January BAPTIST STUDENT.



SOUTHERN SEMINARY'S versatile Male Chorale will be at Blue Mountain College the morning of Feb. 2 during its 14-appearance tour into six states. Directed by Dr. John N. Sims, the Chorale will present a program of sacred choral music.

West Heights Presents Outdoor Pageant

Using a natural setting in a grove of trees just north of West Heights Church, Pontotoc, an outdoor pageant, "The Story of the First Christmas", was presented on Saturday night, December 23, and Sunday night, December 24.

The pastor, Rev. Charles Gentry, and the new associational missionary, Rev. B. B. McGee, narrated the story.

Loud speakers were used for the narrators and choirs to be heard. Spectators sat in their cars to view the scenes. The Junior Choir, under the direction of Miss Brenda Sullivan, accompanied by Miss Janice Hattox, sang both nights.

The Church Choir, under the direction of Bro. Gentry, accompanied by Miss Roberta Johnson, sang Sunday night. An unusually large spotlight loaned by the Pontotoc Electric Power Company was used effectively by S. C. Hamilton

in lighting each scene.

A unique feature of the outdoor production was the use of live sheep in the shepherd's scene. A. L. Ray was Props Chairman assisted by Mrs. Beryl Ferguson.

Costuming was done by Mrs. H. L. Thomas, Mrs. Bob Jaeger, and Mrs. John Miller. These robes are now in the wardrobe closet of the church for future use.

The Parking Committee, composed of Quinlan Franklin and Emery Davis, lined up cars so that each carload of people could see all the scenes. Miss Wanda Jenkins was in charge of recorded music. Refreshments Committee Chairman was Mrs. Kenneth Stegall. She was assisted by Mrs. Henry Fugua, Mrs. T. W. Tutor and Mrs. A. L. Ray.

Herbert Jenkins and Leslie Gillespie headed the Sets Committee. The cast of characters included: Joseph — Dexter McGregory; Mary — Vivian Fugua; Shepherds — Travis Jenkins and David Turner; Angel — Herbert G. Jenkins; Herod the King — Beryl Ferguson; Wise Men — Bobby Davis, C. L. Overby, and Kenneth Stegall.

Mrs. Charles Gentry was general chairman.

Bellevue Choir Sings At Drew

On Friday evening, December 22, Drew Church presented the Sanctuary Choir of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn. in Concert. The choir, under the direction of Tommy Lane, presented both solos and choruses from "The Messiah" by George F. Handel.

David W. Young is the Minister of Music of the Drew Church. Rev. Johnny L. Taylor is pastor.

137 SBC Students In Other Seminaries

NASHVILLE (BP) — A survey found there are 137 Southern Baptist students enrolled in Seminaries not connected with the Southern Baptist Convention. They are studying for church-related vocations.

Of the 38 schools contacted, 35 replied to the query asking for the number of Southern Baptist students. In 18 of these, there was none.

Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Tex., had the most students of any single non-Southern Baptist seminary. Its 22 Southern Baptists enrolled all were men.

The Divinity School of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., was the next highest. It had 18 men and one woman who were Southern Baptists.

Union Theological Seminary, New York, had 17 including three women. Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., had 12, five of them women.

Crozer Theological Seminary, related to the American Baptist Convention, was next with 10, two of whom were women. The school is located at Chester, Pa.

Several In ABC Schools

Others reporting Southern Baptist church-related vocation students included these American Baptist convention-related schools: Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Mass., with eight men; California Baptist Theological Seminary, Covina, with two men; Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, with six men and one woman; and Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, with two men.

Several other schools reported one or two Southern Baptists.

Eight schools reported having a Southern Baptist faculty member. Chandler, Columbia, Dallas Theological Seminary, Duke, Eastern and Union have one apiece. Vanderbilt has two; Crozer, four.

The survey was undertaken to

help Southern Baptist leaders meet future theological needs of the convention. They wanted to know how many Southern Baptists attended non-convention seminaries as well as the six maintained by the SBC.

Lucedale First Honors Tom Doty

On Sunday, Dec. 31, the congregation of the First Church of Lucedale expressed appreciation to Tom Doty for his many years of service as music director.

Following the adoption of the resolution presented below by the congregation, Marion Dorsett read a letter from Rev. G. S. Jenkins, emeritus pastor of the church, which contained words of praise for the service rendered by Mr. Doty. As an additional expression of appreciation, Mr. Doty was presented with a gift from the church.

The Resolution stated that he "had served honorably and capably without remuneration during the years, and that his sound and encouraging courses of action has done much to enlarge, improve and stabilize the programs of the First Church of Lucedale."

The Resolution also declared that "the import of his Christian personality will never be erased from the lives of those associated with him."

Rev. Joe H. Stovall is the pastor.

Howard Payne Adds Staffer

BROWNWOOD, Texas (BP) — H. B. Ramsour, president of the Mexican Baptist Bible Institute in San Antonio, Tex., has been named chairman of the division of religion and philosophy at Howard Payne College (Baptist), Brownwood, Tex.